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Welcome

Now that the nights are drawing in, there's no better time to get busy with your needles, so we've filled this issue with over 30 gorgeous patterns for your little ones.

Keep baby cosy with Sarah Hey's adorable duffle coat on page 6 – we just love the little bear ears! It knits up quickly in garter stitch, so if you're a new knitter it's a great design to try.

Also this issue, try your hand at Fair Isle knitting with our beautiful cardie, p12; give cables a go with Sirdar's cosy hat and jumper set, p83 and knit a pink and white striped cardie fit for a party princess on page 65.

Christmas may still be a few months away, but it's never too early to start your festive knitting, so we've got plenty of ideas for gorgeous Christmas gifts, from toys (p19) and sweet shoes (p73) to a fun santa outfit (p56) and an amazing play mat on page 50 that will keep baby entertained for hours!

Plus, check out the new season yarn releases (p42) and read about our designers' favourite baby knits on p90. Enjoy the issue!

Lucy

Lucy Whyld
Editor

PS If you have any technical queries about the patterns featured, email patternhelp@immediate.co.uk and we'll be happy to help. Don't miss our next issue, which is on sale 17th November 2015.

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Little bear

Baby will look adorable in this quick knit snuggly jacket by Sarah Heys, complete with pixie hood and cute bear ears!

This cosy duffle coat is perfect for keeping baby warm all winter long. Worked in simple garter stitch throughout, it knits up quickly and easily in super snuggly Hayfield Baby Chunky. This is a great project to try if you're a new knitter, as there is only a little shaping in the

sleeves, ears and neckline.

We love the bright pink Lola shade, but if you're knitting for a boy, we've got a gorgeous alternative jacket in blue, too. Toggles work well with the duffle coat design, but you could always experiment and customise your jacket with different fastenings.

ABOUT THIS YARN HAYFIELD BABY CHUNKY

70% acrylic, 30% nylon

155m per 100g

Machine washable at 40°

**£3.70, for stockists call 01924 231 682
or visit www.sirdar.co.uk**

For an
alternative
design, try
omitting the
hood and making
a collar instead

 **Top
Tip**



Knits up
quickly in
chunky
yarn

*Winter warmer:
Wrap baby up in
this cosy coat*

DUFFLE COAT

YOU WILL NEED

GIRL'S JACKET

- Hayfield Baby Chunky 100g
Lola x 2 (2: 3) balls
Pinky x 1 (1: 1) ball

BOY'S JACKET

- Hayfield Baby Chunky 100g
Brook x 2 (2: 3) balls
Bouncy Blue x 1 (1: 1) ball

- 6.5mm (UK 3, US 10½) knitting needles

- 4mm crochet hook

- 4 toggles

TENSION

- 14 sts and 19 rows to 10cm (4in) using 6.5mm (UK 3, US 10½) knitting needles

ABBREVIATIONS

- For standard abbreviations see page 87

IT'S IN THE DETAIL

For a neat edge on the fronts of your jacket, slip the last stitch purlwise at the edge and knit as normal on the next row. When you need to match the sleeves, instead of measuring, count the rows – garter stitch is very stretchy and it can be very easy to get it wrong!



You'll need to crochet a few stitches for the toggle loop – turn to p88 for how to crochet

SIZING GUIDE

SIZES & MEASUREMENTS		6 months	12 months	18 months
Finished chest	cm in	51 20	56 22	61 24
Finished length	cm in	24 9½	26.5 10½	30 11¾

DUFFLE COAT

BACK

With Lola (or Brook) and 6.5mm needles, cast on 32 (36: 40) sts.

Knit until piece measures 24 (26.5: 30)cm or 9½ (10½: 11¾)in or length required ending with a wrong side row.

Cast off.

RIGHT FRONT

With Lola (or Brook) and 6.5mm needles, cast on 16 (18: 20) sts.

Knit in garter stitch until front is four rows less than back with right side facing.

Next row: Cast off 5 (6: 7) stitches, knit to the end of the row.

Next row: Knit to last two sts, k2tog.

Next row: Cast off 1 st, knit to end of row. (9: 10: 11) sts.

Next row: Knit. Cast off.

LEFT FRONT

With Lola (or Brook) and 6.5mm needles, cast on 16 (18: 20) sts.

Knit in garter stitch until front is three rows less than back with wrong side facing.

Next row: Cast off 5 (6: 7) stitches, knit to the end of the row

Knit to the last two sts, k2tog.

Cast off 1 st, knit to the end of the row. (9: 10: 11) sts.

Cast off.

HOOD

Cast on 42 (45: 50) sts.

Work in garter stitch for 14 (16: 19)cm, 5½ (6¼: 7½)in. Cast off.

SLEEVES

Cast on 18 (20: 24) sts.

Knit 6 rows. ➡



Try this chunky jacket in blue for a boy

DUFFLE COAT

*With a pixie hood
and little ears,
this coat is a
winter must-knit*





DUFFLE COAT



*Finish your coat
with pretty pink or
wooden toggles*

Next row: K1, kfb, knit to last two stitches, kfb, k1. 20 (22: 26) sts.

Work in garter stitch increasing as before on 6th row, twice. 24 (26: 30) sts.

Knit until sleeve measures 15 (18: 21)cm, 6 (7: 8¼). Cast off.

EARS

Make two in Lola (or Brook) and two in Pinky (or Bouncy Blue).

Cast on 7 (9: 9) sts.

Knit for 9 (11: 11) rows.

Next row: K1, k2tog, k1 (3: 3), k2tog, k1 5 (7: 7) sts.

Next row: K2tog, k1 (3: 3), k2tog 3 (5: 5) sts.

2nd and 3rd size: K2tog, k1, k2tog.

Next row: Sl1, k2tog, pssso. Finish off.

With right sides together, sew Lola (or Brook) and Pinky (or Bouncy Blue) together (leaving bottom edge open).

TO MAKE UP

With right sides together, fold the hood in half and stitch cast on edge together.

Turn to the right side. With right sides together, stitch shoulder seams.

With right sides together, sew sleeves onto sides, placing centre of sleeve at shoulder seam and stretching the top of the sleeve out a little. Make sure that each sleeve is correctly aligned with the other before stitching. Stitch side and sleeve seams. Use mattress stitch to sew the hood to the neck. Place ears on hood and pin in place. Sew the back of the ear to one row and the front of the ear to the row in front – this helps the ears stand up. Place toggles about two stitches in from side and stitch.

Attach yarn to a stitch on the opposite side and work enough crochet stitches to go around the toggle snugly (so that the two front edges meet) and finish off in the same stitch.

MORE IDEAS

There are lots of gorgeous shades to choose from in the Hayfield Baby Chunky range. Visit www.sirdar.co.uk to take a look at all the colours.

Read about designer, Sarah Hey's favourite baby knits on page 90 of this issue.

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Winter rainbow

Bright colours aren't just for summer, as this pretty cardie proves! The ideal first Fair Isle project, it has a little secret up its sleeve, too!

Make sure your little one looks the part this winter in this super-snuggly Fair Isle knit – we wish it came in adult sizes, too! This cardigan uses two colours along a row, so strictly speaking it's a Fair Isle project, but one of the shades is a colour-changing yarn, so your

finished knit will look far more complicated than it actually is! Knitted in Bluefaced Leicester wool, it's guaranteed to keep little ones cosy. The colour changing yarn has a lovely mix of orange, red, purple and teal, but there are three other shades in this range to choose from, too.

ABOUT THIS YARN

WEST YORKSHIRE SPINNERS BLUEFACED LEICESTER DK & DK PRINTS

100% Bluefaced Leicester

225m per 100g

Hand wash at 30°

£6.90 (DK), £9.70 (DK Prints) from
www.wyspinners.com, 01535 664 500

Having buttons
just at the top of
the cardigan
allows your baby
to move freely

Top
Tip



The perfect
winter knit for
a little girl
or boy!

*Other shades in WYS's
variegated range include
Bullfinch and Wood Pigeon*



FAIR ISLE CARDIE

YOU WILL NEED

- ✿ West Yorkshire Spinners Bluefaced Leicester DK in: Ecu x 2 balls – A
- ✿ West Yorkshire Spinners Bluefaced Leicester DK Prints Country Birds Collection Pheasant x 1 ball – B
- ✿ 4mm (UK 8, US 6) knitting needles (A) and 4mm (UK 8, US 6) circular needle (B)
- ✿ Large-eyed needle
- ✿ 4 buttons

MEASUREMENTS

- ✿ To fit a baby aged 0–6 (6–12:12–18) months

TENSION

- ✿ 22 sts and 30 rows to 10cm (4in) over st-st, using 4mm (UK 8, US 6) needles

ABBREVIATIONS

- ✿ For standard abbreviations see page 87



Create a lovely Fair Isle effect with this pretty cardigan

FAIR ISLE CARDIGAN

BACK

Using needles A and yarn B, cast on 58 (64: 72) sts, and knit 4 rows.

Join in yarn A.

Cont in st-st and foll the chart starting at st 1 and ending at st 58 (4: 12), from row 1 to row 40 (46: 60).

Cont in yarn A only.

K 2 rows.

Shape armholes

Dec 1 st at each end of next 7 rows.

44 (50: 58) sts.

Cont without further shaping until armhole measures 12 (13: 14)cm or 5 (5¼: 5½)in, ending on a WS row.

Shape shoulders

Cast off 7 (8: 9) sts at beg of next 2 rows. 30 (34: 40) sts.

Cast off 8 (9: 10) sts at beg of next 2 rows. 14 (16: 20) sts. Cast off rem 14 (16: 20) sts.

LEFT FRONT

Using needles A and yarn B, cast on 27 (30: 34) stitches and knit 4 rows.

Join in yarn A. ***

Cont in st st and foll the chart starting at st 5 (5: 1) and ending at st 31 (34: 34), from row 1 to row 40 (46: 60).

Cont in yarn A only.

K 2 rows.

Shape armholes

Dec 1 st at armhole edge on next 7 rows. (20 (23: 27) sts.

Cont without shaping until armhole measures 8 (9: 9)cm or 3 (3½: 3½)in, ending with a RS row.

Shape neck

Cast off 2 (2: 3) sts, purl to end of row. 18 (21: 24) sts.

Dec 1 st at neck edge on next 3 (4: 5) rows. 15 (17: 19) sts.

Cont without further shaping until armhole measures 12 (13: 14)cm or 5 (5¼: 5½)in, ending with a WS row.

Shape shoulder

Cast off 7 (8: 9) sts at the beg of the next row, knit to end of row. 8 (9: 10) sts.



Top Tip

Having buttons just at the top of the cardigan allows your baby to move freely

IT'S IN THE DETAIL

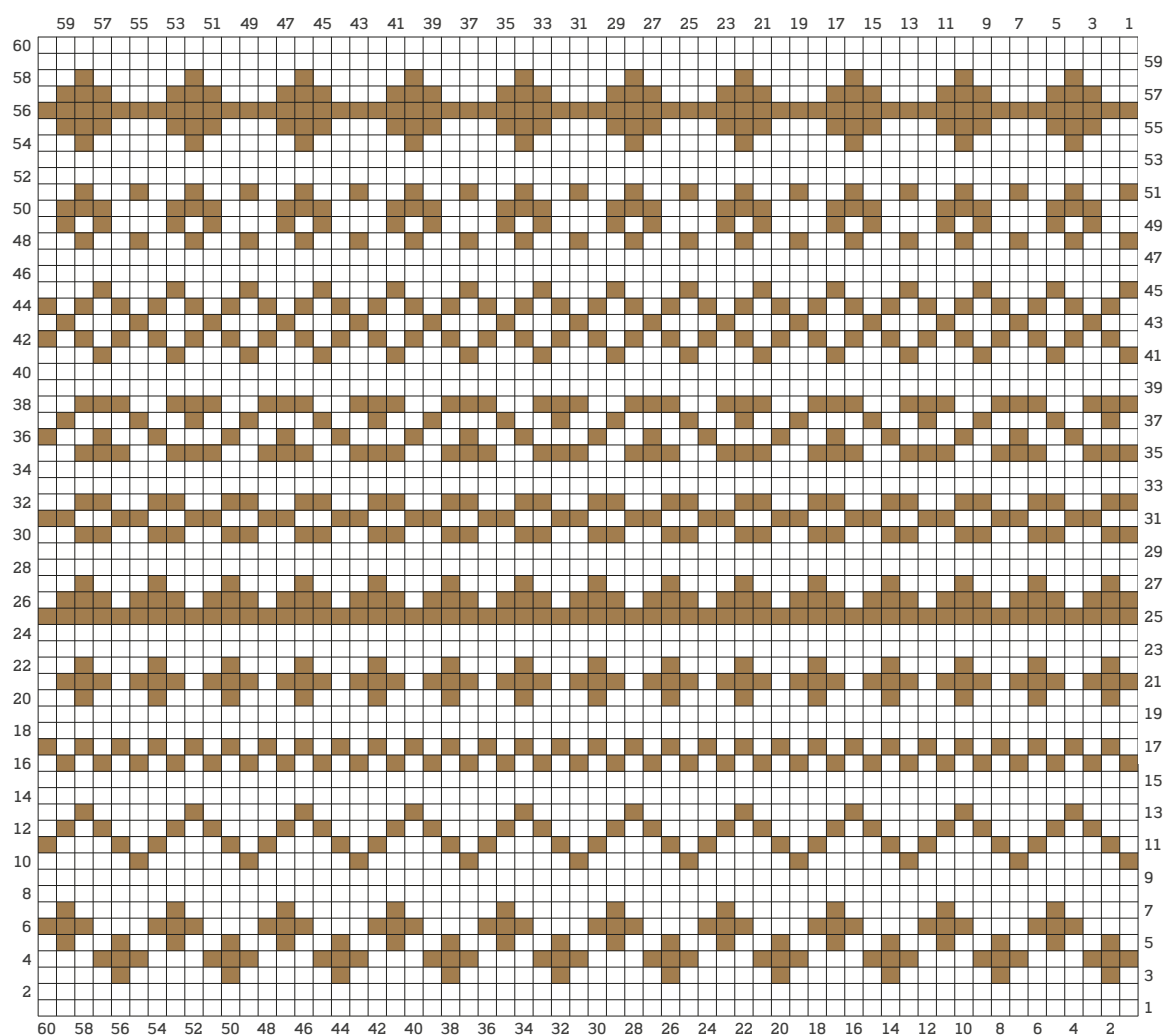
Fair Isle isn't as tricky as it looks, but it can be labour intensive with all those colour changes! Using a variegated yarn means you can practise the technique without having to worry about joining in different yarns – the finished pattern will still be impressive, and nobody need know!



KEY

- = Yarn A – Ecru
■ = Yarn B – Pheasant

FAIR ISLE CHART

**Next row: P.**

Cast off rem 8 (9: 10) sts.

Right front

Work as for left front to ***.

Cont in st st and foll the chart starting at st 4 (1:3) and ending at st 30 (30: 36), from row 1 to row 40 (46: 60).

Cont in yarn A only.

K 2 rows.

Shape armholes

Dec 1 st at armhole edge on next 7 rows 20 (23: 27) sts.

Cont without shaping until armhole measures 8 (9: 9)cm or 3 (3½: 3½)in, ending with WS row.

Shape neck

Cast off 2 (2:3) sts, knit to end of row.
18 (21: 24) sts.

Dec 1 st at neck edge on next 3 (4: 5) rows.
15 (17: 19) sts.

Cont without further shaping until armhole measures 12 (13: 14)cm or 5 (5¼: 5½)in, ending with a RS row.

Shape shoulder

Cast off 7 (8: 9) sts at the beg of the next row, purl to end of row. 8 (9: 10) sts.

Next row: K.

Cast off rem 8 (9: 10) sts.

SLEEVES

Using needles A and yarn B, cast on 34 (36: 36) sts and knit 4 rows.

Join in yarn A.

Cont in st-st and foll the chart starting at st 1 (6: 6) and ending at st 34 (41: 41), from row 1 to row 57 (64: 75), and inc 1 st at each end on 5th and every foll 4th row, working extra sts into Fair Isle patt.

Neckband and front band

Join shoulder seams. Using yarn B and needle B, and with RS facing, pick up and K 57 (66: 79) sts up right front and right neck shaping, 12 (14: 18) sts across back neck, 57 (66: 79) sts down left neck shaping and left front. 126 (146: 176) sts.
K 1 row.

Buttonholes

K32 (38: 48) sts, *yo, k2tog, k3, rep from * three

times, knit to end of row.

K 3 rows.

Cast off.

MAKING UP

Darn in all yarn ends and block. Sew in the sleeves, placing centre of sleeve to shoulder seam. Sew side and sleeve seams. Finish by sewing buttons onto the front band.

Work Buttonhole row again.

Work 1x1 rib for 15 (17: 19: 21) rows and leave these sts on a st holder.

MORE IDEAS

This project is taken from *Winter Knits Made Easy*, which features a collection of cosy designs for all the family. www.dk.com, £16.99.



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Bright and
beautiful
knitting
needles



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Peace Fleece needles, from £8.25, from www.etsy.com/uk/shop/Scrumbobbly



On-trend
baby knits
in British
wool

Colour me happy

New from Erika Knight, Junior Colour Knits is a brand new collection of kids' knits designed in British Blue Wool, Maxi Wool and Fur Wool – some of the designer's most popular yarns. Featuring jumpers, jackets, pinafores, vests, hats and leggings, each garment is designed to fit babies and children up to age five. The photos on the website of babies in their knits are taken by their mums and dads – a lovely touch.

Junior Colour Knits, £9.99, www.juniorcolourknits.co.uk To buy visit www.deramores.com or call 0800 488 0708



Statement
babywear in
colour pops
and pastels

Cutie pie

Sublime certainly know a thing or two when it comes to cute-as-can-be baby knits, and they also know that bold baby brights are just as popular these days as the more traditional pastels. With that in mind they've created the fifth Sublime Baby 4-ply Hand Knit Book, with 21 designs for baby girls and boys pairing neutrals with pops of colour, like this Cutie Pie cardigan, with its moss stitch fuchsia yoke. In addition, there are booties, bonnets and blankets for baby girls, and sailor stripes for little boys. Just adorable!

Pattern book, £8.50. To find a stockist visit

www.sublimeyarns.com or call 01924 369 666

Baby love

Hands up whose stash is overflowing with leftover yarn? Ours certainly is, and this book is the perfect opportunity to turn those odds and ends into adorable baby knits. From mittens and hats to jumpers, hoodies, dresses, socks, and booties, there are garments and accessories for every season and occasion, not to mention plenty of cuddly toys!

One Skein Wonders for Babies, £10, Storey Publishing, www.storey.com (also available from Amazon and bookshops)





Little snowflake

Make this sweet little slipover for your little peanut! Just pop it on over a long-sleeved top when you need to add an extra layer of warmth. Designed in DK yarn with a simple Fair Isle motif, it's the perfect Christmas morning pullover – make it in red with a white snowflake and knit up a matching hat with any leftover yarn.

Peanut Vest Pattern, £4.60. Download from www.tincanknits.com

Download and start knitting this today!



Needle-less

Why not take a break from needles and have a go at arm or finger knitting? *Knitting Without Needles* by Anne Weil features 30 patterns, including this adorable octopus family – perfect for popping on nursery shelves. Knit small and opt for the booties pattern, or big with a set of linen baskets and a soft, chunky rug. Simply loop the yarn around your fingers or forearms, and in no time at all you'll be able to create gifts, clothing and accessories for all the family.

Knitting Without Needles, Potter Craft, £13. Go to www.flaxandtwine.com

Let it go

You've seen the film and heard the songs (probably a few too many times if you have your own little *Frozen* fans), and we couldn't resist sharing these crochet versions of Anna, Elsa, Olaf and Sven with you! Each kit from Avec contains a yarn, hook, instructions and embellishments. Pop one in their stocking and make this Christmas their most magical yet!

Disney Frozen Crochet Kits, from £8, available from John Lewis and The Range; call 01202 822 694

Official Disney crochet kits for Frozen



New pattern collection from Debbie Bliss



Such bliss

Just when we thought Debbie Bliss couldn't possibly improve on the last brilliant book in the Baby Cashmerino series, she's done it again. Cashmerino 6 is a collection of beautifully bright knits for babies, toddlers and children, and we want to knit each and every one of them! The panda motif sweater has to be our favourite, but the multi-coloured pram blanket and striped leggings are close seconds. And who could resist the baby leopard print sweater in orange and navy with its contrasting sleeves? Here in the *Love Knitting* office we've been busy freeing up lots of room at the top of our Must Knit lists!

Baby Cashmerino 6, £7.95. For stockists visit www.designeryarns.uk.com or call 01535 664 222



Measure up

Cheer up a crafty pal with this perfect little pot, containing tailor's chucks and a lovely traditional pink tape measure. It's just the right size to pop in your project bag before you head out for the day and tailor-made for those who like to take their favourite pastime wherever they go!

Tape Measure and Tailor's Chalks, £5.95 from www.themakery.co.uk, 01225 581 888



Dates for your diary!

October

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12-15 November

THE KNITTING & STITCHING SHOW

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The First Noel

Designer Zoe Halstead has created this magical miniature Nativity set for King Cole, just in time for Christmas. Why not surprise the whole family by making the complete set and popping it under the Christmas tree? You'll be able to bring it out year after year. *Christmas Knits Book 3* also features light garlands, tiny Christmas jumpers to hang from the branches of your spruce, robins and wreaths, all knitted in Tinsel Chunky –

perfect for adding extra sparkle to the festive season!

King Cole Christmas Knits Book 3, £4.99. For stockists visit www.kingcole.co.uk, or call 01756 703 670



Hoop-la

Keep your needles, knitting projects and notions neat and tidy in this perfectly-sized bag from Hello Dodo, a creative partnership between Brighton-based couple Ali and Jam. They're self-taught screen-printers, designing and printing everything from their flat by the sea. With a little help from their third partner Preston (their homemade printing press) they create original work, like this project bag and its playful narwhals whose unicorn-like horns are just right for a game of hoopla!

Narwhal Tote Bag, £10.
www.etsy.com/uk/shop/helloDODOshop

Practical yet fun knitting supplies tote bag



Fab free patterns and knit-a-long with Sirdar



Two by two

Everyone knows and loves the story of Noah's Ark, and the team at Sirdar is no different. They've created a six-part knit-a-long featuring some of the animals from the story. Sue Jobson has created patterns for six animal pairs in Baby Bamboo and Sirdar Cotton DK. There's Tilly and Tommy Tiger, Hatty and Hector Hippo, Gerry and Georgie Giraffe, Molly and Mickey Monkey, Ellie and Eddie Elephant and Zoe and Zack Zebra. The patterns will be launched every two weeks, (they started in mid-September) on the Sirdar website. Look out for updates on Sirdar's Facebook page, too.

Free Noah's Ark patterns from www.sirdar.co.uk and find Sirdar on Facebook

Tiny tea leaves

Knitted from the top down, with garter stitch trims and a softly rippled neckline, Tiny Tea Leaves by Melissa LaBarre is a smaller version of one of Madelinetosh's most popular adult patterns. Knitted in pure superwash merino, it's available for toddlers and young children.

Tiny Tea Leaves knitting pattern, £2.50. To download visit www.madelinetosh.com



Vintage buttery yellow shade

Christmas GIFTS FOR BABY

Meet our cuddly friends from the Arctic.
They make perfect Christmas gifts for
little ones. By Angela Turner



Four
fun toys
that baby
will love

Arctic Archie

This adorable Inuit doll is wrapped up warm and off to do a spot of fishing with his Arctic chums

Knit a toy doll that's perfect for boys



Dressed in his warm coat with its wintry fur-like trim, Archie the Inuit is feeling snuggly in the cold climes of the Arctic as he plays with his friends the seal, polar bear and penguin. His turquoise coat is knitted in Stylecraft DK with the fleecy trim in Sirdar Snuggly Snowflake. His fish is knitted in a variegated yarn to make it 'shimmer'! Archie may look intricate, but he's straightforward to knit up and assemble.

YOU WILL NEED

- ❖ Stylecraft Special DK 100g in: Black (shade 1002) x 1 ball
Turquoise (shade 1068) x 1 ball
- ❖ Stylecraft Alpaca DK 100g in Toffee (shade 6011) x 1 ball
- ❖ Stylecraft Life DK Prints 100g in Soft Steel (shade 2395) x 1 ball
- ❖ Sirdar Snuggly Snowflake Chunky 25g in: Milky (shade 630) x 1 ball
- ❖ 3mm (UK 11) knitting needles
- ❖ Toy stuffing
- ❖ Blunt ended sewing needle

MEASUREMENTS

- ❖ Approx 28cm (11in) tall

TENSION

- ❖ 26 sts and 34 rows in st-st over 10cm (4in) square, using 3mm (UK 11) knitting needles

ABBREVIATIONS

- ❖ For standard abbreviations see page 87

ABOUT THIS YARN

STYLECRAFT SPECIAL DK

100% acrylic

295m per 50g

Machine washable at 40°

£1.99, for stockists call 01535 609 798

or visit www.stylecraft-yarns.co.uk

INUIT DOLL

BOOTS AND LEGS (make two)

Using Black yarn, cast on 11 sts.

First row: Purl.

Next row: Inc in every st. 22 sts.

Next row: Purl.

Next row: K8, inc in each of next 6 sts, k8. 28 sts.

Starting with a purl row, st-st 4 rows.

Next row (WS): P6, (p2tog) x 8, p6. 20 sts.

Next row: K6, (k2tog) x 4, k6. 16 sts.

Starting with a purl row, st-st 5 rows.

Change to Turquoise.

St-st 16 rows.

Cast off.

Fold foot in half lengthways and sew seam along foot and up leg. Turn right side out and with seam at back, stuff with filling.

BODY AND HEAD

Using Turquoise, cast on 34 sts.

Work 28 rows st-st.

Next row: K7, k3tog tbl, k14, k3tog, k7. 30 sts.

Next row: Purl.

Next row: K6, k3tog tbl, k12, k3tog, k6. 26 sts.

Next row: Purl.

Next row: K2tog to end. 13 sts.

Change to Toffee.

Next row: Purl.

Next row: Inc in every st. 26 sts.

Next row: Purl.

Next row: (K1, inc in next st) to end. 39 sts.

Next row: Purl.

Next row: (K2, inc in next st) to end. 52 sts.

Starting with a purl row, work 23 rows st-st.

Next row: (K2, k2tog) to end. 39 sts.

Next row: Purl.

Next row: (K1, k2tog) to end. 26 sts.

Next row: (P2tog) to end. 13 sts.

Cut yarn and thread through.

Pull up stitches tightly and secure. Sew seam down head and body. Turn right side out and stuff with filling, a little at a time. With seam at centre back, join the front to the back with a single stitch in the centre (creating two round holes for legs). Sew tops of legs to these holes, adding some more filling if necessary.

HAIR FRINGE

Using black, cast on 10 sts.

Work 4 rows g-st.

Next row: Cast off 3 sts, knit to end. 7 sts.

Next row: Knit. Cast on 3 sts. 10 sts.

Rep last 6 rows 3 more times.

G-st 2 rows.

Cast off.

Make two eyes by casting on 3 sts using Black, k3tog, then cut yarn and thread through. Sew them to front of face starting about 10 rows above last inc row and with 8 sts between them. Use a length of white thread to work a small st at the top right corner of each eye. Work a nose using Toffee by casting on 4 sts, st-st 4 rows then casting off. Gather round all edges and pull up tightly then sew lengthways to face in line with base of eyes. Using a length of black yarn, work a mouth using straight sts, curving at the edges to make a smile. Place hair fringe on top of head with straight edge at top and shaped fringe hanging over forehead. Stretch shaped edges a little; sew in place securely.

COAT

Using Snowflake, cast on 70 sts.

Work 3 rows g-st.

Change to Turquoise. Work 4 rows st-st.

Next row: K16, k3tog tbl, k32, k3tog, k16. 66 sts.

Starting with a purl row, work 3 rows st-st.

Next row: K15, k3tog tbl, k30, k3tog, k15. 62 sts.

Starting with a purl row, work 3 rows st-st.

Next row: K14, k3tog tbl, k28, k3tog, k14. 58 sts.

Starting with a purl row, work 3 rows st-st.

Next row: K13, k3tog tbl, k26, k3tog, k13. 54 sts.

Cont to dec in this way until 38 sts.

Next row: Purl.

Next row: (K2, k2tog) to last 2 sts, k2. 29 sts.

Next row: Purl.

Cast off. ❖

IT'S IN THE DETAIL

Making Archie's face look friendly is key, so draw the features on with tailor's chalk to keep them symmetrical and make sure you use a blunt needle when adding stitches to his eyes and for his smile, this will prevent fibres from splitting.





Archie's fur-like trim helps to keep him super-snug!

HOOD

Using Snowflake, cast on 50 sts.

Work 3 rows g-st.

Change to Turquoise.

First row: (K4, inc in next st) to end. 60 sts.

Starting with a purl row, work 17 rows st-st.

Next row: Cast off 20 sts, knit to end. 40 sts.

Next row: Cast off 20 sts, purl to end. 20 sts.

Work 8 rows st-st.

Next row: K2tog, knit to last 2 sts, k2tog. 18 sts.

Starting with a purl row, work 3 rows st-st.

Rep last 4 rows until 12 sts.

Next row: Purl.

Cast off.

Sew seams of hood.

Place coat around body and sew seam tog at front. Gather round base sts of hood and pull up gently. Sew base of hood to top of coat, leaving a gap at front. Secure hood with a few sts around head.

ARMS (make two)

Using Toffee, cast on 7 sts.

First row: Purl.

Next row: Inc in every st. 14 sts.

Starting with a purl row, st-st 7 rows.

Change to Turquoise.

Work 6 rows g-st.

Next row: Inc in first st, knit to last st, inc. 16 sts.

Work 13 rows st-st.

Next row: Cast off 3 sts, knit to end. 13 sts.

Next row: Cast off 3 sts, purl to end. 10 sts.

Next row: K2tog, knit to last 2 sts, k2tog. 8 sts.

Next row: Purl.

Rep last 2 rows twice more. 4 sts.

Cast off.

Gather round cast on sts and pull up tightly.

Sew seam to first set of cast off sts. Turn right side out. Stuff lightly with filling. Place at sides of doll on top of the shaping of coat. Sew in place securely, going right through the coat and body to make sure they are sewn on very securely.

FISH

Using Soft Steel, cast on 7 sts.

First row: Purl.

Next row: Inc in every st. 14 sts.

Next row: Purl.

Next row: Inc in first st, k5, inc in next 2 sts, knit to last st, inc 18 sts.

Starting with a purl row, st-st 9 rows.

Next row: K2tog to end. 9 sts.

Next row: (K1, p1) to last st, k1.

Next row: (P1, k1) to last st, p1.

Rep last 2 rows again.

Next row: Inc in first st, rib 2, inc in next 2 sts, rib to last st, inc. 13 sts.

Next row: Rib to end.

Next row: Rib to end.

Cast off in rib.

Gather round cast on sts and pull up tightly.

Sew seam to dec row. Turn right side out and stuff lightly. Sew rem seam then across tail.

Use a length of black yarn to work a tiny stitch for the eye about 4 rows above cast on edge.

Use a 100cm (40in) length of black yarn to make a twist cord. Cut to length so that when attached to fish it sits around shoulder and under arm neatly. Attach cord to fish at head, place on body then sew other end to tail. Tie in loose ends. Position fish so it sits across chest of doll then sew to body securely, to finish.

Roly poly penguin

This hoppity bird loves to slip and slide on the Arctic ice and help his friend Archie to fish

Easy-care yarn that's practical for toys



They love to cuddle up together, their favourite hobby is fishing and they relax by bobsleighing – using their tummies instead of a sledge. No wonder penguins have a reputation for being happy! Knitted in Stylecraft DK this squeezable little fellow has hours of cuddling ahead of him and his yarn is durable enough to withstand many tumbles in the washing machine – to Penguin that sounds like lots of fun!

PENGUIN

BODY AND HEAD (make two)

Begin at base using Silver and cast on 12 sts.

Row 1: Knit.

Row 2: Inc in every st. 24 sts.

Row 3: Knit.

Row 4: (K3, inc in next st) to end. 30 sts.

Row 5: Knit.

Row 6: Knit.

Row 7: Knit.

Row 8: (K4, inc in next st) to end. 36 sts.

G-st 5 rows.

Row 14: (K5, inc in next st) to end. 42 sts.

G-st 5 rows.

Row 20: (K6, inc in next st) to end. 48 sts.

G-st 17 rows.

Next row: (K6, k2tog) to end. 42 sts.

G-st 7 rows.

Next row: (K5, k2tog) to end. 36 sts.

G-st 5 rows.

Next row: (K4, k2tog) to end. 30 sts.

G-st 3 rows.

Next row: (K3, k2tog) to end. 24 sts.

Change to Black and White.

Next row: Using Black, k7, using White, k10, using Black k7.

Next (and every alt) row: Purl all Black sts Black and White sts White.

Next row: Using Black, k7, using White, k10, using Black k7.

Next row: Using Black, k7, using White, k4, using Black k2, using White k4, using Black k7.

Next row: Using Black, k8, using White, k2, using Black k4, using White k2, using Black k8.

Next row: Using Black, purl to end.

Next row: (K4, k2tog) to end. 20 sts.

Next row: (K3, k2tog) to end. 16 sts.

Next row: K2tog to end. 8 sts.

Cut yarn and thread through.

Pull up sts tightly then sew head seam. Gather round cast on sts and pull up tightly. Sew seam, leaving a 3cm (1¼in) gap. Turn right side out and stuff with filling.

FEET (make two)

Begin at base using Black and cast on 4 sts.

Row 1: (K1, p1) to end.

Row 2: (K1, p1) to end.

YOU WILL NEED

- ✿ Stylecraft Special DK 100g in:
Silver (shade 1203) x 1 ball
White (shade 1001) x 1 ball
Graphite (shade 1063) x 1 ball
Black (shade 1002) x 1 ball

- ✿ 3mm (UK 11) knitting needles

- ✿ Toy stuffing

- ✿ Blunt ended sewing needle

MEASUREMENTS

- ✿ Approx 13.5cm (5½in) tall

TENSION

- ✿ 26 sts and 34 rows in st-st over 10cm (4in) square, using 3mm (UK 11) knitting needles

ABBREVIATIONS

- ✿ Rib2tog – Rib two together: If the second stitch on the left hand needle is knit, then knit the next two stitches together. If the second stitch is a purl stitch, then purl them together
- ✿ For standard abbreviations see page 87



Work the penguin's eyes by casting on 3 sts then k3tog

IT'S IN THE DETAIL

The pieces for the penguin's flippers and feet are very small and easy to lose so, as you knit each element of this toy, keep them safe in a zipped-up clear plastic wallet. This way you'll have everything in one place when it's time to make up the toy and the pieces will be clean, too.



Ensure small pieces are attached securely when making toys

Row 3: Inc in first st, rib to last st, inc. 6 sts.

Row 4: (P1, k1) to end.

Row 5: (P1, k1) to end.

Cast off in rib.

Place feet on base so that feet are turned out slightly and are in line with white eye spaces. Sew in place securely.

BEAK

Begin at base using Graphite and cast on 4 sts.

Row 1: Knit.

Row 2: Purl.

Row 3: K2tog to end. Pass first st over 2nd st. Cut yarn and thread through.

With right side facing sew seam. Place on face at base of black between white eye spaces and sew in place securely. Work eyes by casting on 3 sts and then k3tog. Cut yarn and thread through. Place in position in centre of white eye spaces in line with beak. Sew in position then use a length of white thread to work a few sts in the top right hand corner of each eye.

FLIPPERS (make two)

Begin at bottom of flipper using silver and cast on 4 sts.

Row 1: (K1, p1) to end.

Row 2: (K1, p1) to end.

Row 3: Inc in first st, rib to last st, inc. 6 sts.

Work a further 4 rows in 1x1 rib.

Next row: Rib 2, turn.

Next row: Rib to end.

Next row: Rib 3, turn.

Next row: Rib to end.

Next row: Rib to last st, inc. 7 sts.

Next row: Rib to last st, inc. 8 sts.

Work a further 11 rows in 1x1 rib.

Next row: Rib 2, turn.

Next row: Rib to end.

Next row: Rib 3, turn.

Next row: Rib to end.

Next row: Rib to end.

Next row: Rib2tog, rib to last 2 sts, rib2tog. 6 sts.

Next row: Rib2tog, rib to last 2 sts, rib2tog. 4 sts.

Cast off in rib. Sew cast off row to sides of toy, 2 rows down from face, with tips of flippers pointing backwards. Tie in loose ends, to finish.



Take your time and read through the pattern before you start knitting



POLAR BEAR

Knit a toy
that baby
can cuddle
and squeeze

Snowy the bear

With his squishy body and friendly face this loyal bear will be instantly loved by baby

Some toys are destined to be with the family forever, and this loyal bear is one of them. With his gentle expression and snub black nose he's easy to fall in love with and we predict that baby will want Snowy bear by his side always. As you knit, refer to the photo of the finished bear often to inspire you. You'll be creating lots of small, similar-looking pieces in white but as you work on the bear's features you'll see his personality start to emerge.

YOU WILL NEED

- ❖ Stylecraft Special DK 100g in:
White (shade 1001) x 1 ball
Black (shade 1002) x 1 ball

- ❖ 3mm (UK 11) knitting needles

- ❖ Toy stuffing

- ❖ Blunt ended sewing needle

MEASUREMENTS

- ❖ Approx 20cm (8in) long by 15cm (6in) tall

TENSION

- ❖ 26 sts and 34 rows in st-st over 10cm (4in) square, using 3mm (UK 11) knitting needles

ABBREVIATIONS

- ❖ For standard abbreviations see page 87

POLAR BEAR

BODY

Begin at rear using white and cast on 12 sts.

Row 1: Knit.

Row 2: Inc in every st. 24 sts.

Row 3: Knit.

Row 4: (K3, inc in next st) to end. 30 sts.

Row 5: Knit.

Row 6: Knit.

Row 7: Knit.

Row 8: (K4, inc in next st) to end. 36 sts.

G-st 5 rows.

Row 14: (K5, inc in next st) to end. 42 sts.

G-st 5 rows.

Row 20: (K6, inc in next st) to end. 48 sts.

G-st 17 rows.

Next row: (K6, k2tog) to end. 42 sts.

G-st 7 rows.

Next row: (K5, k2tog) to end. 36 sts.

G-st 5 rows.

Next row: (K4, k2tog) to end. 30 sts.

G-st 3 rows.

Next row: (K3, k2tog) to end. 24 sts.

Next row: Knit.

Next row: (K2, k2tog) to end. 18 sts.

Next row: Knit.

Next row: (K1, k2tog) to end. 12 sts.

Next row: Knit.

Cut yarn and thread through.

Gather round sts and pull up tightly. Sew seam to belly. Gather round cast on sts and pull up tightly. Sew rem seam, leaving a 3cm (1¼in) gap. Turn right side out and stuff with filling.

NECK

Using white, cast on 26 sts.

G-st 6 rows.

Cast off.

Sew seam together then place on body starting from centre front going upwards.

Sew in place securely.

HEAD

Begin at front using white and cast on 6 sts.

Row 1: Knit.

Row 2: Inc in every st. 12 sts.

Row 3: Knit.

Row 4: (K1, inc in next st) to end. 18 sts.

Row 5: Knit.

Row 6: (K2, inc in next st) to end. 24 sts.

Row 7: Knit.

Row 8: (K3, inc in next st) to end. 30 sts.

G-st 3 rows.

Row 12: (K4, inc in next st) to end. 36 sts.

G-st 7 rows.

Next row: (K4, k2tog) to end. 30 sts.

Next (and every alt) row: Knit.

Next row: (K3, k2tog) to end. 24 sts.

Next row: (K2, k2tog) to end. 18 sts.

Next row: (K1, k2tog) to end. 12 sts.

Next row: (K2tog) to end. 6 sts.

Cut yarn and thread through.

Pull up sts tightly and sew seam for 3cm (1¼in).

Gather round cast on sts and pull up tightly.

Sew seam, leaving a 2.5cm (1in) gap. Turn right side out and stuff firmly with filling.

SNOUT

Begin at front using white and cast on 6 sts.

Row 1: Purl.

Row 2: Inc in every st. 12 sts.

Row 3: Purl.

Row 4: (K1, inc in next st) to end. 18 sts.

Row 5: Purl.

Row 6: Knit.

Cast off purlways.

Gather round cast on sts and pull up tightly.

Sew seam. Turn right side out and stuff with filling. Place on centre of face of bear then sew securely, adding a little more filling if necessary.

Make 2 eyes by casting on 3 sts using black, knitting one row, k3tog, then cut yarn and thread through. Sew them to front of face starting about level with top of nose and with 2.25cm (1in) between them. Use a length of white thread to work a small stitch at the top right corner of each eye. Work nose and mouth in black using some straight stitches, horizontal for the nose about 0.7cm (¼in) in length then a vertical stitch below followed by a series of curved sts for mouth. Tie in all loose ends securely.

EARS (make two)

Using white, cast on 6 sts.

First row: Knit.

Next row: Purl.

Next row: K2tog, knit to last 2 sts, k2tog. 4 sts.

Next row: Purl.

Rep last 2 rows again. 2 sts

Next row: Inc in first st, knit to last st, inc. 4 sts.

Next row: Purl.

Rep last 2 rows again.

Cast off.

Fold ears in half and sew curved edges. Turn right side out and sew across seam, pulling ➔



*Attach toy limbs
securely and check
them regularly*

yarn tightly to curve ear slightly. Pin to sides of head, 3.5cm (1½in) up from centre back with about 3cm (1¼in) between them. Sew in place securely. Stuff neck with filling then place head on top with snout pointing slightly upwards. Sew neck to head, adding a little more stuffing if necessary.

LEGS (make four)

Using White, cast on 3 sts.

First row: Inc in every st. 6 sts.

Next row: Inc in every st purlways. 12 sts.

Next row: (K1, inc in next st) to end. 18 sts.

Work 7 rows g-st.

Next row: K4, (k2tog) x 5, k4. 13 sts.

Work 19 rows g-st.

Next row: K2tog, k3, k3tog, k3, k2tog. 9 sts.

Next row: Knit.

Next row: K2tog, k1, k3tog, k1, k2tog. 5 sts.

Cast off.

Gather round cast on sts and pull up tightly.

Sew seam leaving a gap at top of leg. Turn right side out. Stuff with filling then sew rem seam.

Pin in position at sides of body with front of feet facing forward then sew in place.

TAIL

Using white, cast on 6 sts.

First row: Knit.

Next row: Purl.

Next row: K2tog, knit to last 2sts, k2tog. 4 sts.

Next row: Purl.

Rep last 2 rows again. 2 sts.

Cast off.

Sew tail to with st-st to front onto rear of bear.

Ensure all loose ends are tied in securely, to finish.



When stuffing the bear, refer to the photograph to get the shape it needs

Flipper the seal

With his round shape just right for squeezing, friendly Flipper is set to be chief cuddle chum

New to toy
knitting?
Our seal is
easy to make



With their cute snub noses, little smiles and deep dark eyes baby seals are irresistible. They make perfect toys for little ones, the rotund shape and compact size makes it easy for small hands to hold onto. Knitted in garter stitch for the main body and a contrasting stitch for the nose, the seal's features are all stitched on using black yarn so you can be sure that no little bits will come loose over time.

SEAL

HEAD AND BODY

Begin at nose using White and cast on 12 sts.

Row 1: Knit.

Row 2: Inc in every st. 24 sts.

Row 3: Knit.

Row 4: (K3, inc in next st) to end. 30 sts.

Row 5: Knit.

Row 6: Knit.

Row 7: Knit.

Row 8: (K4, inc in next st) to end. 36 sts.

G-st 5 rows.

Row 14: (K5, inc in next st) to end. 42 sts.

G-st 5 rows.

Row 20: (K6, inc in next st) to end. 48 sts.

G-st 17 rows.

Next row: (K6, k2tog) to end. 42 sts.

G-st 7 rows.

Next row: (K5, k2tog) to end. 36 sts.

G-st 5 rows.

Next row: (K4, k2tog) to end. 30 sts.

G-st 5 rows.

Next row: (K3, k2tog) to end. 24 sts.

G-st 3 rows.

Next row: (K2, k2tog) to end. 18 sts.

G-st 3 rows.

Next row: (K1, k2tog) to end. 12 sts.

Next row: Knit.

Next row: (K2tog) to end. 6 sts.

Work hind flippers as folls:

Next row: Inc in first 3 sts, turn. 9 sts.

Next row: (K1, p1) to end. Work on this set of 6 sts first.

Next row: (K1, p1) to end.

Rep last row 2 times more.

Next row: Inc in first st, rib to last st, inc. 8 sts.

Work 4 more rows in rib.

Cast off in rib.

Rejoin yarn to second flipper and inc in every st. 6 sts.

Work 4 rows rib.

Next row: Inc in first st, rib to last st, inc. 8 sts.

Work 4 more rows in rib.

Cast off in rib.

Gather round cast on sts and pull up tightly.

Sew seam to belly. Tuck flippers into body and gather round sts at base and pull up tightly.

YOU WILL NEED

- ✿ Stylecraft Special DK 100g in:
White (shade 1001) x 1 ball
Black (shade 1002) x 1 ball

- ✿ 3mm (UK 11) knitting needles

- ✿ Polyester filling

- ✿ Blunt ended sewing needle

MEASUREMENTS

- ✿ Approx 19cm (7½in) tall

TENSION

- ✿ 26 sts and 34 rows in st-st over 10cm (4in) square, using 3mm (UK 11) knitting needles

ABBREVIATIONS

- ✿ For standard abbreviations see page 87



The mouth is worked in straight stitches, with curved ends

IT'S IN THE DETAIL

Animal faces take a bit of practise to get right, placing a single stitch out of place can make a real difference. Unless you have a spare swatch to practise on, unpicking is your friend. Though with this white seal be careful to tweezer away any rogue fibres that are left from the black yarn.



Knitted mainly in g-st, this is a great project for beginners

Sew rem seam, leaving a 3cm (1¼in) gap. Turn right side out and stuff with filling.

NOSE

Begin at front using White and cast on 6 sts.

Row 1: Purl.

Row 2: Inc in every st. 12 sts.

Row 3: Purl.

Row 4: (K1, inc in next st) to end. 18 sts.

Row 5: Purl.

Row 6: Knit.

Cast off purlways.

Gather round cast on sts and pull up tightly. Sew seam. Turn right side out and stuff with filling. Place on centre of face of seal then sew securely, adding a little more filling if necessary. Make two eyes by casting on 3 sts using Black, knitting one row, k3tog, then cut yarn and thread through. Sew them to front of face starting about level with top of nose and with 2.5cm (1in) between them. Use a length of

White thread to work a small st at the top right corner of each eye. Work nose and mouth in black using some straight stitches, horizontal for the nose about 1cm (½in) in length then a vertical st below followed by a series of curved sts for mouth. Tie in all loose ends securely.

FRONT FLIPPERS (make two)

Begin at base using white and cast on 4 sts.

Row 1: Inc in every st. 8 sts.

Row 2: (K1, p1) to end.

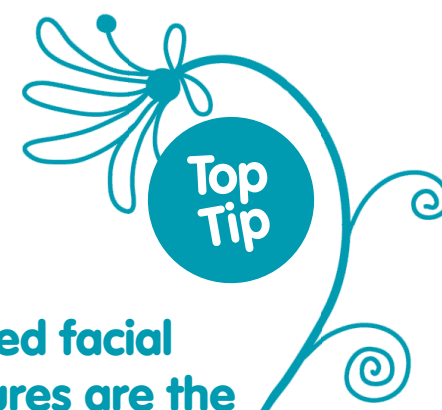
Work another 6 rows 1x1 rib.

Row 9: Inc in first st, rib to last st, inc. 10 sts.

Work a further 3 rows in rib.

Cast off in rib.

Place cast on edges to base of seal starting about 5.5cm (2¼in) back from nose. Position flippers at a slight angle so that they are facing forward when seal is placed on a flat surface and with a small gap between them. Sew in place securely. Tie in all loose ends, to finish.



Knitted facial features are the safest choice for baby toys

Love Crochet

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ROSEBUD CARDIGAN

Flowers aren't just for summer, as this adorable cardigan proves. Knitted in a cashmere, merino and silk blend, this is a luxurious knit to dress baby in whatever the season – pair it with a light dress in warmer weather or layer over long sleeves when it's chilly outside. Why not make the rosebuds in contrasting colours – different shades of pink would look beautiful.

YOU WILL NEED

- ✿ Sublime Baby Cashmere Merino Silk DK 50g in Buttermilk (shade 345) x 2 (3: 3: 4) balls
- ✿ 3.25mm (UK 10, US 3) and 4mm (UK 6, US 8) knitting needles
- ✿ 1 button

MEASUREMENTS

- ✿ To fit 0-6 months (6-12 months: 1-2 years: 2-3 years)

TENSION

- ✿ 22 sts and 28 rows to 10cm (4in) over st-st, using 4mm (UK 8, US 6) needles

ABBREVIATIONS

- ✿ For standard abbreviations see page 87

SIZING GUIDE

SIZES & MEASUREMENTS		0-6 months	6-12 months	1-2 years	2-3 years
To fit chest	cm	41	46	51	56
	in	16	18	20	22
Actual measurements	cm	45	50	55	61
	in	17¾	19¾	21¾	24
Full length	cm	20	24	28	32
	in	8	9½	11	12½
Sleeve length	cm	15	17	20	24
	in	6	6½	8	9½

CARDIGAN

BACK

Using 4mm (UK 6, US 8) needles cast on 49 (55: 61: 67) sts.

Working in stocking stitch work 22 (30: 40: 48) rows so that the RS of the work faces you for the beg of the armhole shaping.

The back should measure approx 22 (25: 28: 30)cm or 8¾ (9¾: 11: 11¾)in across at this point.

Shape armholes

Work 6 (7: 7: 8) rows dec 1 st at each end of every row. You will now have 37 (41: 47: 51) sts on the needle.

Work on these 37 (41: 47: 51) sts until the armholes measure 11 (12: 13: 14)cm or 4¼ (4¾: 5¼: 5½)in, straight down from top of the needle to beg of armhole shaping (don't measure around the curve), finishing after a purl row.

Shape shoulders

Cast off 5 (5: 6: 7) sts at beginning of next 4 rows. You will now have 17 (21: 23: 23) sts on the needle. Cast off remaining 17 (21: 23: 23) sts.

LEFT FRONT

Using main needles cast on 11 (13: 14: 16) sts. Working in stocking stitch proceed as follows:

Row 1: Knit to last 2 sts, inc in next st (front edge), k1. You will now have 12 (14: 15: 17) sts on the needle.

Row 2: Inc in 1st st, purl to end. You will now have 13 (15: 16: 18) sts on the needle. Work 4 rows inc 1 st at front edge in every row. You will have 17 (19: 20: 22) sts on the needle. Work 6 (8: 12: 12) rows inc 1 st at front edge in 1st and every following alternate row. You will now have 20 (23: 26: 28) sts on the needle. Work 5 (5: 5: 9) rows inc 1 st at front edge in 1st

and every following 4th row. You will now have 22 (25: 28: 31) sts on the needle.

Work 5 (11: 17: 21) rows without shaping. Place a marker thread at front edge of last row.

Armhole and front shaping

Next row: K2tog (armhole edge), knit to last 2 sts, k2tog (front edge). You will now have 20 (23: 26: 29) sts on the needle.

Next row: Purl to last 2 sts, p2tog. You will now have 19 (22: 25: 28) sts on the needle.

Work 4 (3: 5: 6) rows dec 1 st at armhole edge in every row AT SAME TIME dec 1 st at front edge in 3rd (1st: 1st: 3rd) and every foll 0 (2nd: 2nd: 0) row. You will have 14 (17: 17: 21) sts on needle.

For 2nd size only

Work 2 rows dec 1 st at armhole edge only in every row. You will have (15) sts on the needle.

For all 4 sizes

Work 15 (18: 20: 25) rows dec 1 st at front edge only in 3rd (2nd: 4th: 1st) and every following 4th row. You will now have 10 (10: 12: 14) sts on the needle. Work straight until armhole meas same as back armhole to shoulder shaping, finishing after a P row.

Shape shoulder

Next row: Cast off 5 (5: 6: 7) sts, knit to end. You will now have 5 (5: 6: 7) sts on the needle.

Next row: Purl. Cast off remaining 5 (5: 6: 7) sts.

RIGHT FRONT

Using 4mm (UK 6, US 8) needles cast on 11 (13: 14: 16) sts.

Working in stocking stitch proceed as follows:
Row 1: Inc in 1st st (front edge), knit to end.



Make an extra rosebud and add it to a matching headband for a pretty accessory

You will now have 12 (14: 15: 17) sts on needle.

Row 2: Purl to last 2 sts, inc in next st, p1. You will now have 13 (15: 16: 18) sts on the needle. Work 4 rows inc 1 st at front edge in every row. You will now have 17 (19: 20: 22) sts on needle. Work 6 (8: 12: 12) rows inc 1 st at front edge in 1st and every following alternate row. You will now have 20 (23: 26: 28) sts on the needle. Work 5 (5: 5: 9) rows inc 1 st at front edge in 1st and every following 4th row. You will now have 22 (25: 28: 31) sts on the needle. Work 5 (11: 17: 21) rows without shaping. Place a marker thread at front edge of last row.

Front and armhole shaping

Next row: K2tog (front edge), knit to last 2 sts, k2tog (armhole edge). You will now have 20 (23: 26: 29) sts on the needle.

Next row: P2tog, purl to end. You will now have 19 (22: 25: 28) sts on the needle. Work 4 (3: 5: 6) rows dec 1 st at front edge in 3rd (1st: 1st: 3rd) and every following 0 (2nd: 2nd: 0) row AT SAME TIME dec 1 st at armhole edge in every row. You will now have 14 (17: 17: 21) sts on the needle.

For 2nd size only

Work 2 rows dec 1 st at armhole edge only in every row. You will have (15) sts on the needle.

For all 4 sizes

Work 15 (18: 20: 25) rows dec 1 st at front edge only in 3rd (2nd: 4th: 1st) and every foll 4th row. You will have 10 (10: 12: 14) sts on the needle. Work straight until armhole measures same as back armhole to shoulder shaping, finishing after a knit row.

Shape shoulder

Next row: Cast off 5 (5: 6: 7) sts, purl to end. You will now have 5 (5: 6: 7) sts on the needle.
Next row: Knit.
Cast off remaining 5 (5: 6: 7) sts.

SLEEVES (BOTH ALIKE)

Using 3.25mm (UK10, US 3) needles cast on 34 (36: 38: 40) sts.

Row 1: Knit.

This row forms garter stitch. Repeat it 3 times. Change to 4mm (UK 6, US 8) needles and work in stocking-stitch for remainder of sleeve as folls: Work 33 (25: 35: 55) rows increasing 1 st at each end of 5th and every following 14th (10th: 10th:

10th) row (there will be 13 (9: 9: 9) rows straight between each increase row). You will now have 40 (42: 46: 52) sts on the needle.

For 2nd and 3rd sizes only

Work 12 rows inc 1 st at each end of foll 12th row. You will have (44: 48) sts on the needle.

For all 4 sizes

Work without further shaping until the sleeve measures 15 (17: 20: 24)cm or 6 (6½: 8: 9½)in, finishing after a purl row.

Shape sleeve top

Work 6 (7: 7: 8) rows decreasing 1 st at each end of every row. You will now have 28 (30: 34: 36) sts on the needle.

Work 0 (1: 1: 0) rows without shaping.

Place marker threads at each end of last row. These 6 (7: 7: 8) rows will match to 6 (7: 7: 8) decrease rows on body when sewing the sleeve into armhole.

Cast off 2 sts at beginning of next 10 (12: 14: 14) rows. You will now have 8 (6: 6: 8) sts on the needle. Cast off remaining 8 (6: 6: 8) sts.

NECK EDGING

Join both shoulder seams, then using your smaller needles, pick up and knit sts for neck edging as follows: With RS of work facing you, starting at marker on right front pick up and knit 28 (32: 34: 36) sts evenly up right side of neck, 17 (21: 23: 23) sts from back of neck and 28 (32: 34: 36) sts evenly down left side of neck to marker. You will have 73 (85: 91: 95) sts on the needle. Work 4 rows in garter stitch. Cast off knitways.

LOWER EDGING

Using smaller needles pick up and knit sts for lower edging as follows: With the RS of work facing you, starting at lower edge of neck edging, pick up and knit 3 sts from side edge of neck edging, 6 (12: 18: 22) sts evenly down straight edge, 16 (18: 22: 26) sts evenly down shaped edge, 12 (14: 15: 17) sts from 11 (13: 14: 16) cast on sts at lower edge of left front, 49 (55: 61: 67) sts from lower edge of back, 12 (14: 15: 17) sts from 11 (13: 14: 16) cast on sts at lower edge of right front, 16 (18: 22: 26) sts evenly up shaped edge, 6 (12: 18: 22) sts evenly up straight edge and 3 sts evenly from side edge of neck edging. You will now have 123 (149: 177: 203)

IT'S IN THE DETAIL

These little blooms are easy to make – just follow the instructions below, decreasing until you have a shape to twist into a flower bud. There are so many uses for these beautiful roses!



sts on the needle. Work 1 row in garter stitch.

Next row: Knit to last 5 sts, k2tog, yfwd, k3. Work 2 rows in garter stitch. Cast off knitways.

FLOWERS (MAKE 4)

Using your main needles cast on 36 sts.

Row 1: Knit to end working a twist (turning work 360 degrees on RH needle) every 4 sts.

Row 2: Knit.

Row 3: (K2tog) 18 times. You will now have 18 sts on the needle.

Row 4: Knit.

Row 5: (K2tog) 9 times. You will now have 9 sts on the needle.

Row 6: Knit.

Row 7: (K2tog) 4 times, k1. You will now have 5 sts on the needle. Cast off remaining 5 sts knitways.

TO MAKE UP

Join side and sleeve seams. Sew sleeve tops into armholes matching 6 (7: 7: 8) dec rows on body to 6 (7: 7: 8) dec rows marked at beg of sleeve top. Twist flowers into a rose shape and sew to front as shown in photo. Sew on button. Pin out garment to measurement given, cover with damp cloths and leave to dry naturally.

MORE IDEAS

Find more gorgeous patterns for babies, plus see the whole range of yarns and patterns from Sublime at www.sublimeyarns.com, or call 01924 369 666 to find a stockist in your area.



Petite patchwork

Move aside sweaters and jumpers – this new kid on the block has heaps of style and class and gets creative with colour. By Chrissie Day

We love the nubbly textures of this jumper with its different stitches cleverly highlighted in contrasting shades of beige, blue, cream and brown. Knitted in Pura Lana Baruffa, a luxury extra fine DK merino yarn spun in Italy, it's

a cosy and comfortable wool to wear, making it a great choice for a baby's sweater. We think the combination of colours and patchwork shapes give this knit an on-trend vintage style which will make baby look oh-so cool, but keep him snuggly warm all winter!

ABOUT THIS YARN PURA LANA BARUFFA DK

100% wool

115m per 50g

Machine washable at 40°

£4.30 from www.toddshandknits.com

Top Tip

There are lots of colours to choose from in this yarn range, so mix and match your shades





Have a go
at knitting
creative
textures

*Patchwork panels and
contrasting colours give
this jumper a retro style*



CHECKED JUMPER

YOU WILL NEED

- ✿ Pura Lana Baruffa DK 50g in:
Ocean Blue (ref 323) x 1 (2: 2: 2: 2) balls – A
Milk (ref 301) x 1 (1: 1: 1: 1) ball – B
Oatmeal Brown (ref 302) x 2 (2: 2: 3: 3) balls – C
Mink Brown (ref 303) x 1 (1: 1: 1: 1) ball – D
- ✿ 3.75mm (UK 9, US 5) and 4mm (UK 8, US 6) knitting needles

MEASUREMENTS

- ✿ To fit 3-6 months (6-9 months: 9-12 months: 12-18 months: 18-24 months)

TENSION

- ✿ 22 sts and 30 rows to 10cm (4in) over st-st, using 4mm (UK 8, US 6) needles

ABBREVIATIONS

- ✿ **C2B** (without using a cable needle) – Knit into front of 2nd stitch on needle, then knit the 1st stitch, slipping both stitches off needle at the same time
- ✿ **Kfb** – Knit into front and back of stitch to make 2 stitches from 1
- ✿ For standard abbreviations see page 87

SIZING GUIDE

SIZES & MEASUREMENTS		3-6 months	6-9 months	9-12 months	12-18 months	18-24 months
To fit chest	cm	41	46	49	51	56
	in	16	18	19	20	22
Actual measurements	cm	48	53	58	62	67
	in	18¾	20¾	22¾	24½	26¼
Length to shoulder	cm	25	27	28.5	32.5	36.5
	in	9¾	10½	11¼	12¾	14½
Sleeve length	cm	15	17	19	22	24
	in	6	6¾	7½	8¾	9½

CHECKED JUMPER

BACK

With 3.75mm (UK 9, US 5) needles and A, cast on 53 (59: 65: 69: 75) sts using thumb method.

Beg with a K row work in g-st for 11 (11: 15: 19: 19) rows, ending with WS facing for next row, break yarn.

Foundation row (WS): Using B, p18 (21: 24: 26: 29), using C, p17 (17: 17: 22: 22), using D, p18 (21: 24: 21: 24).

Change to 4mm (UK 8, US 6) needles.

With RS facing using intarsia technique and starting and ending rows as indicated, cont in patt from chart row 1, which is worked in blocks of different textures and colours as folls:
Cont straight until chart row 36 (38: 40: 46: 58) has been completed, ending with a WS row.

Shape armhole

Keeping chart correct, cast off 2 (2: 3: 3: 3) sts at beg of next 2 rows. 49 (55: 59: 63: 69) sts.

Dec 1 st at each end of next 1 (1: 2: 2: 3) rows. 47 (53: 55: 59: 63) sts.

Cont straight until chart row 64 (70: 74: 82: 96) has been completed, ending with a WS row.

Shape back neck and envelope shoulder

Patt 15 (18: 18: 19: 20) and turn, leaving rem sts on a holder.

Work each side separately.

Cast off 2 sts at beg of next row.

Place a marker at end of row (on left side of back neck, place a marker at end of row).

Size 3-6 months only

Dec 1 st at neck edge on next 6 rows, then cast off 2 sts on foll 2 alt rows.

Sizes 6-9 and 9-12 months only

Dec 1 st at neck edge on next 5 rows, then cast off 2 sts on next row, then 3 sts on foll 2 alt rows. 3 sts.



Highlight the size you are knitting on the pattern before you make a start



Envelope shoulders make it easier to change little ones

USING CHARTS

The chart for this jumper (opposite, for the first three sizes and over the page for the last two) is a more direct way of explaining a pattern. When you look at the chart, see each square or symbol as a single stitch and look at the key to work out the symbols first so you are sure about what each one means before you begin knitting.



Sizes 12-18 and 18-24 months only

Dec 1 st at neck edge on next and (3: 2) foll alt rows. (13: 15) sts.

Dec 1 st at neck edge on next (4: 6) rows, then cast off 2 sts on next and foll 2 alt rows. 3 sts.

All sizes

Leave rem sts on a holder.

With RS facing, slip centre 17 (17: 19: 21: 23) sts on a holder. Rejoin correct colour to rem sts and patt to end of row.

Complete to match first side, reversing shaping.

FRONT

Work as given for back until 6 (6: 8: 8: 10) rows less have been worked than on back to beg of back neck and envelope shoulder shaping.

Chart row 58 (64: 66: 74: 86).

Shape front neck

Next row (RS): Patt 19 (22: 22: 23: 25) sts and turn, leaving rem sts on a holder.

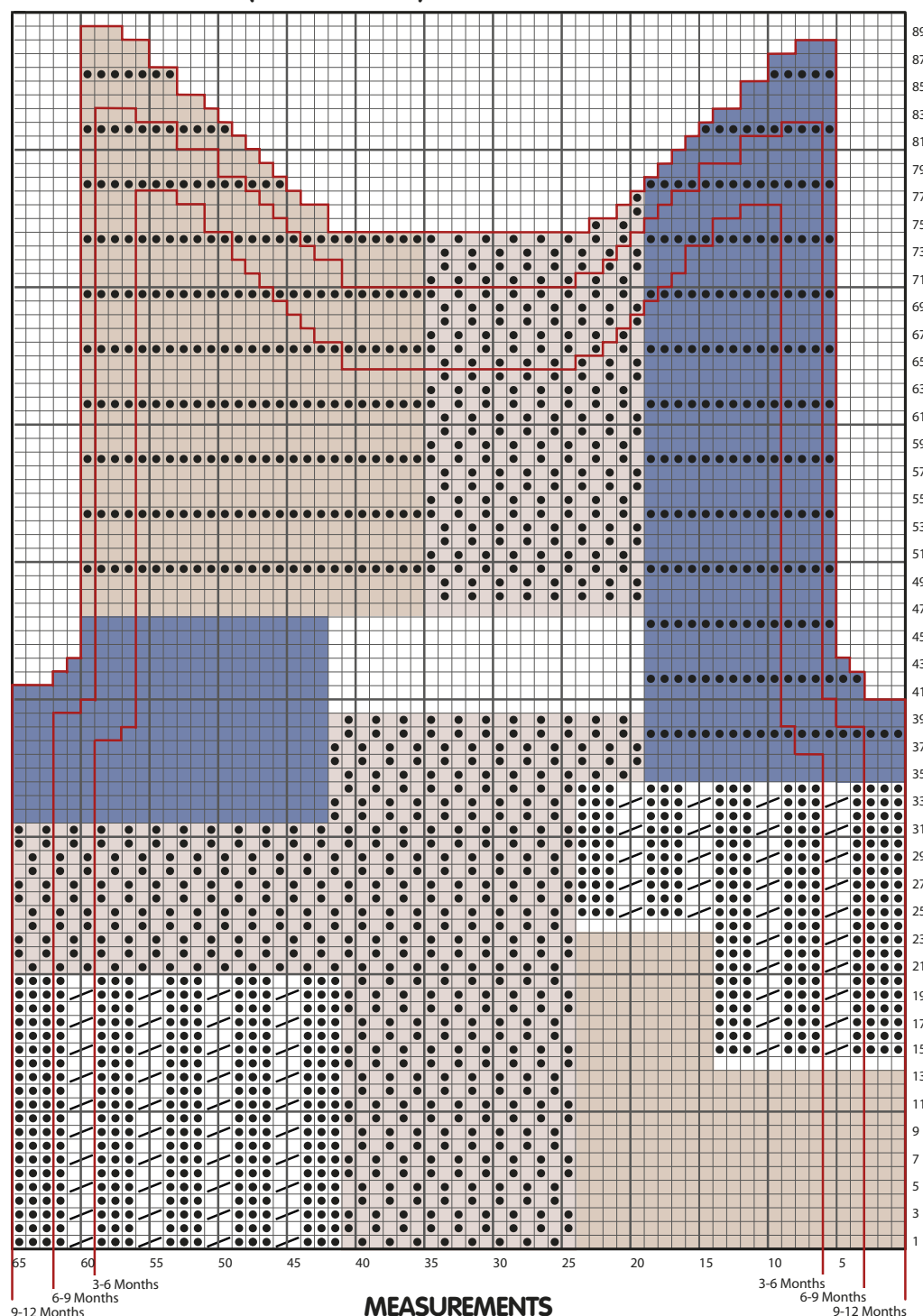
Work each side separately.

Note: Front neck shaping is NOT shown on chart.

Keeping patt correct, cast off 3 (3: 2: 2: 2) sts at beg of next row, then 2 sts on foll 1 (1: 2: 1: 1) alt row, then 1 st on foll 1 (1: 1: 2: 3) alt rows. 13 (16: 15: 17: 18) sts.

Work 2 (2: 3: 2: 2) rows ending with RS (RS: WS: RS: RS) facing for next row.

PATCHWORK CHART (first three sizes)



Shape envelope shoulder

Size 3-6 months only

Dec 1 st at neck edge on next 6 rows, then cast off 2 sts on foll 2 alt rows. 3 sts.

Sizes 6-9 and 9-12 months only

Dec 1 st at neck edge on next 5 (6) rows, then cast off 2 sts on next row, then 3 (2) sts on foll 2 alt rows. 3 sts.

Sizes 12-18 and 18-24 months only

Dec 1 st at neck edge on next row, then 1 st on foll 3 (2) alt rows. 13 (15) sts.

Dec 1 st at neck edge on next 4 (6) rows, then cast off 2 sts on next and foll 2 alt rows. 3 sts.

KEY

■ = Yarn A

□ = Yarn B

■ = Yarn C

■ = Yarn D

□ = K on RS, P on WS

● = P on RS, K on WS

⊞ = C2B

All sizes

Leave rem 3 sts on a holder.

With RS facing slip centre 9 (9: 11: 13: 13) sts on a holder.

Rejoin correct colour to rem sts and patt to end. Complete to match first side, reversing shaping.

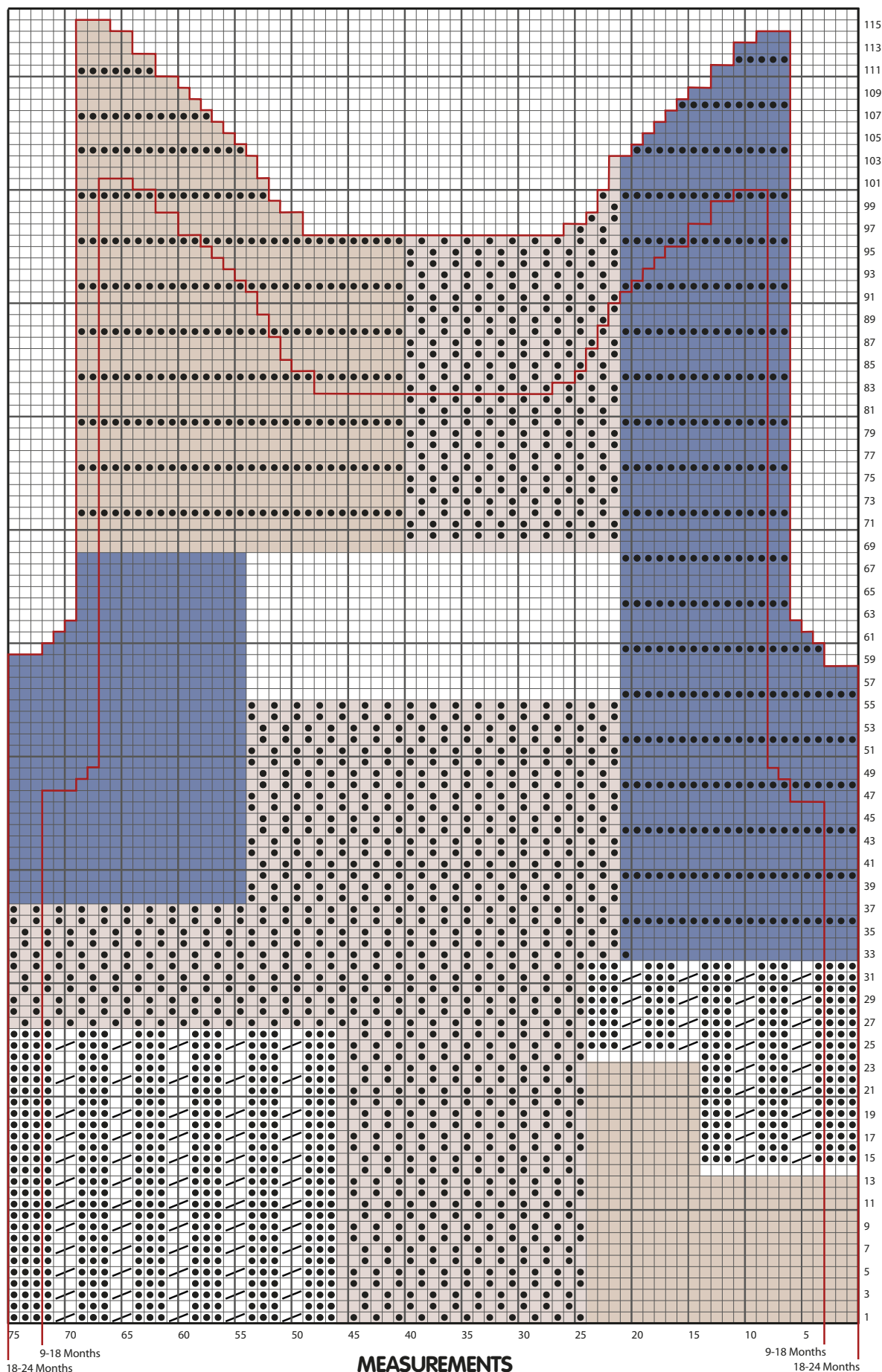
SLEEVES

With 3.75mm (UK 9, US 5) needles and C, cast ➡



CHECKED JUMPER

PATCHWORK CHART (4th and 5th sizes)



KEY

- = Yarn A
- = Yarn B
- = Yarn C
- = Yarn D
- = K on RS, P on WS
- = P on RS, K on WS
- ▤ = C2B

on 31 (31: 33: 33: 35) sts using thumb method.

Beg with a K row work in g-st for 12 (12: 16: 20: 20) rows, ending with RS facing for next row.

Change to 4mm (UK 8, US 6) needles.

Beg with a P row, work in rev st-st throughout, shaping sides by inc 1 st each end of 4th, then on foll 0 (3: 2: 2: 0) alt rows, then on every foll 4th row until there are 47 (53: 55: 57: 59) sts.

Work straight until sleeve measures 15 (17: 19: 22: 24)cm, 6 (6¾: 7½: 8¾: 9½)in from cast on edge ending with RS facing for next row.

Shape top

Cast off 2 (2: 3: 3: 3) sts at beg of next 2 rows. 43 (49: 49: 51: 53) sts.

Dec 1 st at each end of next 1 (1: 2: 2: 3) rows. Cast off rem 41 (47: 45: 47: 47) sts.

BACK NECKBAND

With RS of back neck facing using 3.75mm (UK 9, US 5) needles and B k3 sts left on holder for right back shoulder, pick up and knit 10 (12: 12: 15: 15) sts down right back neck, k17 (17: 19: 21: 23) sts left on holder for back neck, pick up and knit 10 (12: 12: 15: 15) sts up left back neck, k3 sts left on holder for left back neck. 43 (47: 49: 54: 59) sts.

Next row (WS): K1, kfb in each of next 2sts, k to last 3 sts, kfb in each of next 2 sts, k1. 47 (51: 53: 58: 63) sts.

Knit 3 rows. Cast off sts knitwise.

FRONT NECKBAND

With RS of front neck facing using 3.75mm (UK 9, US 5) needles and B k3 sts left on holder for left front shoulder, pick up and knit 16 (20: 19: 22: 24) sts down left front neck, k9 (9: 11: 13: 13) sts left on holder for front neck, pick up and knit 16 (20: 19: 22: 24) sts up right front neck, k3 sts left on holder for right front shoulder. 47 (55: 55: 63: 67) sts.

Next row (WS): K1, kfb in each of next 2sts, k to last 3 sts, kfb in each of next 2 sts, k1. 51 (59: 59: 67: 71) sts.

Knit 3 rows.

Cast off sts knitwise.

MAKING UP

Press pieces as per ball band. Overlap back shoulder shaping over front, matching markers (this indicates centre of shoulder), tack in place. Place centre of sleeve head to shoulder marker and sew in place using back stitch or mattress stitch. Sew up sleeve seams, sew up side seams leaving the g-st welt open to form a side flap.

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'Stepping Out Together'
hand-painted sock yarn!



Winter yarn guide

Winter is well and truly here, and that means it's time to keep the tiniest member of the family warm in snugly knits, so here's our round-up of the latest gorgeous baby yarn and shades from the leading brands...

Rowan Super Fine Merino 4-ply

50g ball • 100% wool • RRP £5.75

For stockists call 01484 681 881

or visit www.knitrowan.com

Brand-new from Rowan for Autumn/Winter, this pure wool yarn is made using only the very highest quality extra fine merino. The natural elasticity of merino allows for movement when the knitted-up fabric is worn, which means your baby can wobble, wriggle, crawl and clamber to his or her heart's content. The yarn is also completely 'breathable,' so it's warm when the weather is cold, and cool when it's warm. Could this be the perfect yarn for all seasons? We think so. As usual, Rowan do not disappoint when it comes to the patterns they've provided to accompany this new yarn – the Baby 4-ply Collection features 13 beautiful baby designs for ages 0-3 years, including hats, cardies and this super-cute jumper with crown motif.



Debbie Bliss Baby Cashmerino

50g ball • 55% wool, 33% microfibre, 12% cashmere • RRP £4.75

For stockists call 01535 664 222

or visit www.designeryarns.uk.com

To accompany their new collection of kids' and babies' designs, Baby Cashmerino 6 (see Best Buys on page 17 for more details), Debbie Bliss has added eight new shades to the range – bright Sea Green, Orange and Cyclamen, earthy Dusk and Tobacco, and soft, feminine Clematis, Soft Pink and Speedwell. This lovely blend of extra-fine merino and cashmere is the perfect choice for extra-special garments that will last through the generations. The Baby Cashmerino books just get better and better, and this one is packed with must-knits, from the panda sweater (below) to some stripy leggings. Mix and match the shades as much as you like – with so many to choose from, you may find yourself tempted to make more than one version of these on-trend must-make knits.



Sublime Baby Cashmere Merino Silk DK

50g ball • 75% extra fine merino, 20% silk, 5% cashmere • RRP £5.83

For stockists call 01924 369 666

or visit www.sublimeyarns.com

When it comes to luxury baby yarns, Sublime certainly know a thing or two. Luckily for us, they are also aware that we knitters love to add new shades to our stash, so they've included exciting new bold brights in their Sublime Baby Cashmere Merino Silk DK palette just for us – Sweet Leaf, Beau Blue, Smidge and Little Liberty.

These are combined with soft neutrals to create the most beautiful collection of miniature knits in The Seventeenth Little Sublime Handknit Book, including an adorable intarsia knit featuring a seriously sweet squirrel motif, and a pair of fuchsia booties. We can't wait to get started!



Bergère Cachemire

25g ball • 90% cashmere, 10% wool • RRP £9.50

To order visit www.bergeredefrance.co.uk

Perfect for the chillier months, this luxurious yarn from Bergère de France is spun from 90% cashmere, with a touch of wool added for durability. When knitted, it creates a strokeable fabric that's perfect for wintry weather. And that's not all – the softness of cashmere only increases as you wash this yarn. Use it to make cosy blankets, scarves and hats for wrapping up warm, and heirloom knits to be enjoyed by babies in your family year after year.



DY Baby Joy DK Sparkle

100g ball • 65% polyacryl, 30% polyamide, 5% polyester • RRP £3.95

For stockists call 01535 664 222

or visit www.designeryarns.uk.com

New from Designer Yarns, this soft, shimmering blend of polyacryl, polyamide and sparkly polyester is perfect for sparkling winter wear – after all, it's not just adults who need glittery knits in party season! Baby Joy Sparkle is machine washable and comes in eight pastels, from Candy Pink and Peach to Baby Blue and Mint. You can use this sparkling yarn to add a little glitz to any of the patterns in the Baby Joy DK collection.



James C Brett Flutterby Chunky

100g ball • 100% supersoft polyester • RRP £3.75

For stockists visit www.jamesc Brett.co.uk

Could this be the closest thing to knitting with cloud? We think so... Flutterby Chunky from James C Brett is an incredibly soft, cosy chenille yarn that's perfect for snuggly winter onesies, dressing gowns, blankets and cardigans. Available in a range of solid and dotty shades, it knits up quickly on 6mm needles and can be popped in the machine, too. You won't be able to resist cuddling your little one while they're wearing it!



King Cole Smarty DK

100g ball • 100% premium acrylic • RRP £3.75

For stockists call 01756 703670 or visit www.kingcole.co.uk



Super soft and a joy to knit with, this 100% acrylic yarn, which has been relaunched by King Cole this season, is scattered with hundreds of coloured dots, and creates a subtly flecked fabric when knitted up.

Available in 100g balls, it's great value for money, and the sweetshop-inspired colour palette has been designed to suit both baby boys and girls. Use it to knit up tiny hats, mittens, socks, blankets and cardigans in time for baby's first Christmas.

Patons Baby Smiles Fab DK

50g ball • 100% acrylic • RRP 99p

For stockists call 01484 681 881

or visit www.makeitcoats.com

New for 2015 from Patons, Baby Smiles yarns are made from incredibly soft fibres that are so gentle to a little one's skin it's the closest thing to wrapping them up in cotton wool! Baby Smiles yarns have been tested to the highest standard and are the only ones in the UK to be certified with a special standard class, which means they're free from substances that are hazardous to health or can cause allergies; they've also been tested for saliva-resistance and colourfastness. Fairytale Fab Aran is the newest addition to the range – you can find patterns for baby knits in the Patons Baby Smiles collection.



Sirdar Snuggly Spots

50g ball • 55% nylon 45% acrylic • RRP £3.63

For stockists call 01924 371 501 or visit www.sirdar.co.uk

A super-spotty take on Sirdar's ever-popular baby yarn, Snuggly DK, Snuggly Spots is a nylon and acrylic blend with the same incredible softness as the plain version of the yarn that we all know and love. There are six shades to choose from, including Blueberry Mousse, Cosy Spot and Minty Spot. You'll be dotty for the patterns, too – we love this cosy textured coat! Of course, you can knit any Snuggly Spots pattern up in the plain version of the yarn, too. This blend is easy to care for and great value for money.



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Playful penguin

This warm winter knit uses white and pastel blue variegated yarn as a snowy backdrop to Percy penguin. By Ruth Maddock

Try the intarsia method – it's easy!

Little girls and boys will look so sweet in this winter warmer



PENGUIN JUMPER

Knitted mainly in King Cole Melody DK, the delicate pastels of this variegated yarn makes the perfect palette for a winter warmer, knitting up to a frosty blue and white background. Percy the penguin is created using intarsia, a technique where you simply change yarn colour and follow a chart of the image as you knit. See opposite for the chart.

YOU WILL NEED

✿ King Cole Melody DK 100g in: Blueberry (shade 963) x 1 (1: 2: 2) balls (MC)

✿ King Cole Dollymix 25g in: Orange (shade 144) Black (shade 48) White (shade 1)

✿ 3.25mm (UK 10, US 3) and 4mm (UK 8, US 6) knitting needles

✿ Four 14mm buttons

MEASUREMENTS

✿ To fit 0-3 months (3-6 months: 6-12 months: 12-18 months)

TENSION

✿ 22 sts and 28 rows to 10cm (4in) over st-st, using 4mm (UK 8, US 6) needles

ABBREVIATIONS

✿ For standard abbreviations see page 87

ABOUT THIS YARN

KING COLE MELODY DK

(main yarn)

100% acrylic

282m per 100g

Machine washable at 40°

£3.14, for stockists call 01756 703 670 or visit www.kingcole.co.uk

SIZING GUIDE

SIZES & MEASUREMENTS		0-3 months	3-6 months	6-12 months	12-18 months
To fit chest	cm in	40 15¾	46 18	51 20	56 22
Actual chest	cm in	46.25 18¼	50 19½	55.5 21¾	61 24
Length to shoulder	cm in	27 10½	28.5 11¼	30 11¾	32 12½
Sleeve length	cm in	13 5	15 6	17 6½	23 9

PENGUIN JUMPER

Using 3.25mm (UK 10, US 3) needles and MC, cast on 49 (53: 59: 65) sts and work in garter stitch for six rows, and inc 4 sts evenly across last row worked. 53 (57: 63: 69) sts.

Change to 4mm (UK 8, US 6) knitting needles and work in stocking stitch until the work measures 16.5 (17: 18: 19.5)cm or 6½ (6¾: 7: 7½)in, ending with a wrong side row.

Shape armhole

Cast off 4 sts at beg of next two rows.

45 (49: 55: 61) sts.

Now cont in st-st until work measures 10.5 (11.5: 12: 12.5)cm or 4¼ (4½: 4¾: 5)in from beg of armhole shaping (end with a WS row).

Work in garter stitch for five rows.

Cast off loosely knitwise.

FRONT

Using 3.25mm (UK 10, US 3) needles and MC, cast on 49 (53: 59: 65) sts and work in garter stitch for six rows, and inc 4 sts evenly across last row worked. 53 (57: 63: 69) sts.

Change to 4mm (UK 8, US 6) needles and work in st-st, starting with a knit row, for 2 (2: 4: 6) rows. Now begin working the penguin motif from the chart opposite.

Chart row 1: K22 (24: 27: 30) sts with MC, k1 orange, k11 MC, k1 orange, k rem 18 (20: 23: 26) with MC.

Now continue working from the chart and at the same time, when the work measures 16.5 (17: 18: 19.5)cm or 6½ (6¾: 7: 7½)in, ending with a wrong side row, shape the armholes.

Shape armhole

Cast off 4 sts at the beginning of the next two

rows, 45 (49: 55: 61) sts.

Now continue working from the chart until it is completed, then cont in MC, working in stocking stitch until the work measures 5cm or 2in from the beg of armhole shaping (end with a wrong side row).

Shape neck

Next row: Knit across first 21 (23: 26: 29) sts, cast off centre 3 sts, knit to end. Turn and work on this last group of 21 (23: 26: 29) sts only as follows:

Next row (WS): Purl to last 2 sts, p2tog.

Next row: Cast off 2 sts, knit to the end of the row.

Now cont in st-st and dec 1st at neck edge only of next 4 (4: 5: 6) rows, then cont in st-st until work measures 10.5 (11.5: 12: 12.5)cm or 4¼ (4½: 4¾: 5)in from beg of armhole shaping (end with a WS row at neck edge).

Work two rows in garter stitch.

Next row: K6 (7: 8: 8)sts, yo, k2tog, knit the rem 6 (7: 8: 8) sts.

Work two rows in garter stitch.

Cast off knitwise.



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IT'S IN THE DETAIL

When using the intarsia method, make sure you leave a long enough tail to weave in at the end. Thread the yarn ends with a tapestry needle to help you do this. Look at the front of the work and use the yarn tails to cover any gaps, holes or tension inconsistencies from the wrong side.



Using 4mm (UK 8, US 6) needles, rejoin yarn to rem sts at neck edge, with WS facing, and work on these 21 (23: 26: 29) sts as follows:

Next row (WS): Cast off 2 sts, purl to the end. Now continue in the pattern and dec 1st at neck edge only of next 5 (5: 5: 5) rows, then continue in stocking stitch until the work measures 10.5 (11.5: 12: 12.5)cm or 4¼ (4½: 4¾: 5)in from the beg of the armhole shaping (end with a wrong side row at the armhole edge).

Work two rows in garter stitch.

Next row: K6 (7: 8: 8) sts, k2tog, yo, knit the rem 6 (7: 8: 8) sts.

Work two rows in garter stitch.

Cast off knitwise.

SLEEVES

Using 3.25mm (UK 10, US 3) needles and MC, cast on 31 (33: 35: 37) sts and work in garter stitch (every row knit) for six rows, and inc 4 sts evenly across last row worked. 35 (37: 39: 41) sts. Change to 4mm (UK 8, US 6) needles and work in st-st and inc 1st at each end of next and every foll 5th row, until there are 47 (51: 53: 59) sts. Now cont without shaping until work measures 13 (15: 17: 23)cm or 5 (6: 6¾: 9)in. Place marker at each end of the last row worked, then cont in st-st for six more rows. Cast off loosely.

FRONT NECKBAND

Using 4mm (UK 8, US 6) needles and MC, and working from the RS of work, pick up 36 (38: 42: 44) sts evenly around front neckline.

Work one row in garter stitch.

Next row: K2, yo, k2tog, k to last 4sts, k2tog, yo, k to end.

Next row: K0 (1: 3: 4), *k5, k2tog, k5; rep from * to last 0 (1: 3: 4) sts, k to end. 33 (35: 39: 41) sts.

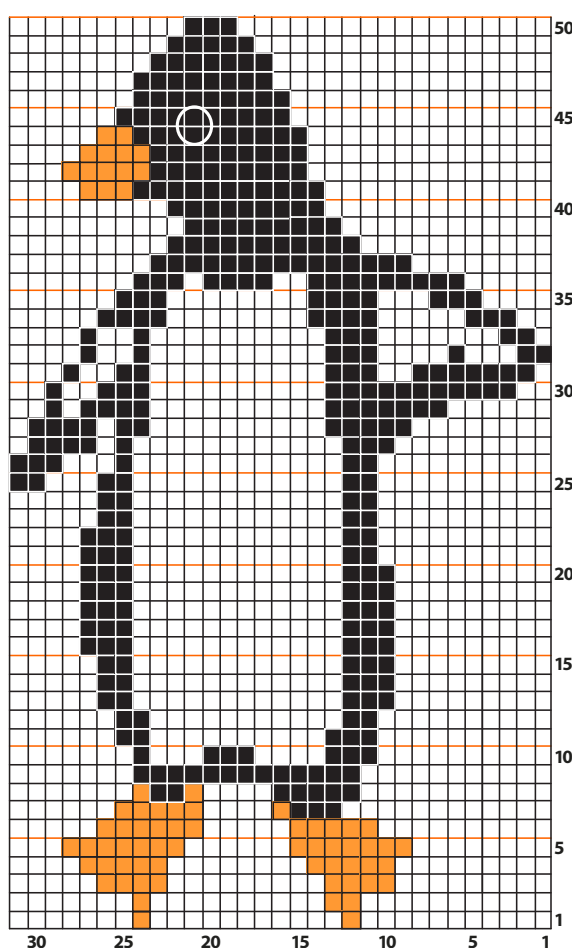
Now work one row in garter stitch.

Cast off knitwise.

MAKING UP

Sew in all ends, catching down loose strands so that little fingers don't get caught. Sew circle for eye using white yarn, working circle using small backstitches. Pin out and dampen with cold water and leave to dry. Place the front jumper so that the garter stitch section at the shoulder front lays on top of the garter stitch for the back. Then, loosely sew these six rows together at the armhole edge only. Mark the centre point of these rows and place the centre point of the top of the sleeve to this point. With right sides together, pin the sleeve top to the body without stretching, and sew into place using small backstitches. Then sew the last six rows of the sleeve from the marker to the four cast-off stitches of the body on both the front and back. Sew the underarm seam from wrist to hem. Sew the buttons in place to correspond with the buttonholes, to finish.

PENGUIN CHART



The variegated yarn creates a frosty blue and white effect



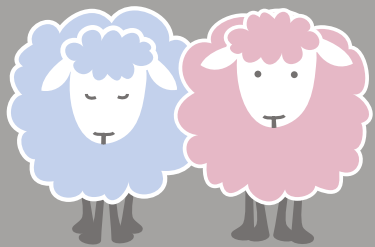
Buttons make changing this jumper easy!

KEY

■ = Black (shade 48)
■ = Orange (shade 144)

READING THE CHART

Please note that the penguin chart has 31 sts and 50 rows. Read RS rows from right to left and WS rows from left to right. Use separate lengths of yarn for each main colour area, working the design using the intarsia method and twisting yarns together where they change. For small colour areas, strand the yarns very loosely behind your work – do not weave in as you go.



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*A bright and
colourful play mat
for the nursery*

It's play time!

Tiny tots who love to play with their brum-brums and choo-choos will delight in this fun knitted play mat by Ann Franklin

This colourful road play mat includes a house, a car and even a duck for the pond. Knitted in a mix of garter stitch, stocking stitch and moss stitch, the road effect is produced using Swiss darning (duplicate stitch). Soft and cosy to sit on, we've used Hayfield Bonus DK for our

play mat, but you can use any DK yarn you like. Knitted in calming, natural colours and with its integrated toys this play mat offers the right mix of relaxation and stimulation and will provide many hours of fun. Baby boys and girls who are at the crawling and sitting stage will love it.

ABOUT THIS YARN HAYFIELD BONUS DK

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**Top
Tip**

**Get creative
and knit some
extra toys
for the playmat**

YOU WILL NEED

- ✿ Hayfield Bonus DK in:
 Chocolate (shade 0947) (A) x 90g
 Silver Grey (shade 0838) (B) x 125g
 Grass (shade 0825) (C) x 35g
 Lime (shade 0882) (D) x 25g
 Orchard (shade 0904) (E) x 25g
 Bright Green (shade 0886) (F) x 60g
 Fox (shade 0779) (G) x 35g
 Denim (shade 0994) (H) x 20g
 Emerald (shade 0916) (I) x 40g
 White (shade 0961) (J) x 30g
 Walnut (shade 0927) (K) x 25g
 Royal (shade 0979) (L) x 10g
 Bright Lemon (shade 0819) (M) x 20g
 Bright Orange (shade 0981) (N) x 10g
 Azure (shade 0824) (O) x 20g
 Black (shade 0965) (P) x 15g
- ✿ 4mm (UK 8, US 6) and 4.5mm (UK 7, US 7) knitting needles
- ✿ 1 x 80cm circular 4.5mm needle (optional for edging)
- ✿ 1 metre of fabric for backing the mat
- ✿ 60g of toy stuffing
- ✿ Needle for swiss darning

MEASUREMENTS

- ✿ 95 x 85cm (38 x 34in)

TENSION

- ✿ 19 sts and 26 rows over 10 x 10cm (4 x 4in) using 4.5mm needles and 22 sts and 28 rows over 10cm (4in) square using 4mm needles. However, tension is not important

ABBREVIATIONS

- ✿ **Kfbf** – Knit into front, back and then front again of the next stitch (making 3 sts from 1)
- ✿ **B&T** – Break off yarn and thread through the remaining stitches. Draw the stitches off the needle and pull the threaded yarn up tightly
- ✿ For standard abbreviations see page 87

PLAY MAT

Pattern notes

The mat is knitted in sections, which are sewn together as you work. (Where left-hand/right-hand side is referred to, assume that you are looking at the right side of the work, and the side referred to is to your right-hand/left-hand).

Field 1

Using 4.5mm (UK 7, US 7) needles and Colour A, cast on 75 sts.
 Knit 150 rows.
 Cast off.

Road 1

Using 4.5mm (UK 7, US 7) needles and Colour B, cast on 11 sts.
 Beg knit, st-st 105 rows.
 Cast off.
 Sew the right-hand side edge of Road 1 to the left-hand side edge of Field 1.

Field 2

Using 4.5mm (UK 7, US 7) needles and Colour C, cast on 75 sts.
 Beg knit, st-st 60 rows.
 Cast off.
 Sew the cast on edge of Field 2 to the left-hand side edge of Road 1, creating a large rectangle with Field 1 at the bottom and Field 2 at the top.

Field 3

Using 4.5mm (UK 7, US 7) needles and Colour D, cast on 30 sts.
 Beg purl, work 85 rows in rev st-st.
 Cast off.

Road 2

Using 4.5mm (UK 7, US 7) needles and Colour B, cast on 11 sts.
 Beg knit, st-st 85 rows.
 Cast off.
 Sew the right-hand side edge of Field 3 to the left-hand side edge of Road 2.

Field 4

Using 4.5mm (UK 7, US 7) needles and Colour E, cast on 30 sts.
 Beg knit, work 85 rows in st-st.
 Cast off.
 Sew the left-hand side edge of Field 4 to the right-hand side edge of Road 2, thus joining Fields 3 and 4 together, making a large square.

Road 3

Using 4.5mm (UK 7, US 7) needles and Colour B, cast on 11 sts.
 Beg knit, st-st 95 rows.
 Cast off.
 Sew the right-hand side edge of Road 3 to the cast off edge(s) of the large square (Fields 3 and 4, and Road 2).

Field 5

Using 4.5mm (UK 7, US 7) needles and Colour F, cast on 70 sts.
 Knit 110 rows.
 Cast off.
 Sew the cast on edge of Field 5 to the left-hand side of Road 3, thus making a second large rectangle.

Roads 4 and 5 (make 2 the same)

Using 4.5mm (UK 7, US 7) needles and Colour B, cast on 11 sts.
 Beg knit, st-st 177 rows.
 Cast off.
 Sew the left-hand edge of Road 4 to the right-hand side edge of the first large rectangle (Fields 1 and 2), and the right-hand side edge of Road 4 to the left-hand side of the second large rectangle (Fields 3, 4 and 5); thus joining the two main pieces of the play mat together.
 Sew the left-hand side of Road 5 to the right-hand side of the play mat.

Road 6

Using 4.5mm (UK 7, US 7) needles and Colour B, cast on 11 sts.
 Beg knit, st-st 120 rows.
 Cast off.
 Sew the right-hand side edge of Road 6 to the left-hand side edge of Field 1 and the cast on edge of Road 1.

Path 1

Using 4.5mm (UK 7, US 7) needles and Colour G, cast on 11 sts.
 Beg purl, work 60 rows on rev st-st.
 Cast off.
 Sew the cast on edge of Path 1 to the cast off edge of Road 6. Sew the right-hand side edge of Path 1 to the left-hand side edge of Field 2.

Path 2

Using 4.5mm (UK 7, US 7) needles and Colour G,



Swiss darning is an easy alternative to intarsia, find how to videos online

SWISS DARNING

Swiss darning is also known as duplicate stitch. To Swiss darn, thread a suitable sewing needle with the yarn. Begin to sew by bringing the yarn up from the back of the work at the centre bottom of the stitch to be darned/duplicated. Follow the line of the stitch, threading the yarn behind the 'legs' of the stitch above, and around to its original position. You will have worked a 'duplicate stitch', which completely covers (and changes the colour) of the stitch below.

cast on 11 sts.

Beg purl, work 115 rows in rev st-st.

Cast off.

Sew the right-hand side edge of Path 2 to the cast off edge of Path 1 and the cast off edge of Field 2.

Road 7

Using 4.5mm (UK 7, US 7) needles and Colour B, cast on 11 sts.

Beg knit, st-st 125 rows.

Cast off.

Sew the cast on edge of Road 7 to the cast off edge of Path 2. Sew the right-hand side edge of Road 7 to the cast off edge of Road 4, Field 5, and Road 5.

Road 8

Using 4.5mm (UK 7, US 7) needles and Colour B, cast on 11 sts.

Beg knit, st-st 235 rows.

Cast off.

Sew the left-hand side edge of Road 8 to the bottom edge of the mat.

Pond

Using 4.5mm (UK 7, US 7) needles and Colour H, cast on 120 sts.

Beg knit, st-st 6 rows.

Row 7: (K2, k2tog) to the end of the row (90 sts)
Beg purl, st-st 5 rows.

Row 13: (K1, k2tog) to the end of the row (60 sts).

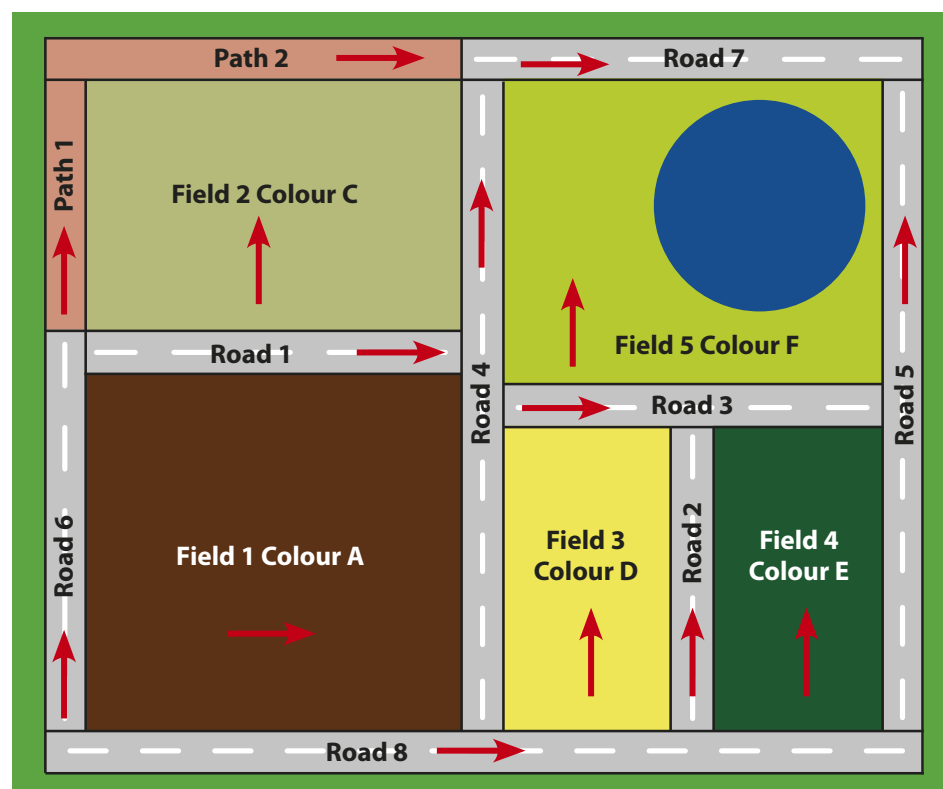
Beg purl, st-st 5 rows.

Row 19: (K2tog) to the end of the row (30 sts).
Beg purl, st-st 3 rows.

Row 23: (K1, k2tog) to the end of the row (20 sts).

Row 24: Purl.

Row 25: (K2tog) to the end of the row (10 sts).



PLAYMAT DIAGRAM

→ = Indicates direction of knitting

Row 26: (P2tog) to the end of the row (5 sts). B&T. Sew the side edges together to make a circle. Sew the pond to the top right-hand corner of Field 5.

Mat Edging

Using 4.5mm (UK 7, US 7) needles (or a 4.5mm circular needle) and Colour I, with the right side of the work facing you, pick up and knit 160 sts across the left-hand side of the play mat.

Row 1: (K1, p1) to the end of the row

Row 2: (P1, k1) to the end of the row
Rows 1 and 2 set the moss stitch pattern.

Work 3 more rows in moss stitch

Cast off in moss stitch.

Using 4.5mm (UK 7, US 7) needles (or a 4.5mm circular needle) and Colour I, with the right side of the work facing you, pick up and knit 160 sts across the right-hand side of the play mat.

Work 5 rows in Moss Stitch.

Cast off in Moss Stitch

Using 4.5mm (UK 7, US 7) needles (or a 4.5mm circular needle) and Colour I, with the right side of the work facing you, pick up and knit 190 sts across the top of the play mat, including the cast on/cast off edges of the side edgings.

Using 4.5mm (UK 7, US 7) needles (or a 4.5mm circular needle) and Colour I, with the right side of the work facing you, pick up and knit 190 sts across the bottom of the play mat, including the cast on/cast off edges of the side edgings.

Make the road markings by Swiss darning (duplicate stitching) over the centre stitch on each road in Colour J: Starting from the cast on edge of the road, leave 10 stitches unworked, then work duplicate stitches over the next 10 stitches and continue in this way until you can no longer fit in the 10 stitches unworked/10 stitches worked pattern. Where necessary, Swiss darn over a fewer number of stitches at the end of a road. Finish all loose ends on the back of the play mat.

Mat Backing

Cut the piece of fabric so that it is a little larger than the play mat all the way around.

Fold over the raw edges of the fabric and pin the folded edge to the outer edge of the play mat, wrong sides together. Oversew the fabric to the play mat, using a matching thread.

Work a row of running stitch through the fabric about 1.5cm (½in) in from the edge, catching the play mat down, to help the mat lay flat. ➡



*This fun play mat
would make a lovely
first birthday gift*



**Carry yarn not
used up the side
of your work, to
save darning
in ends**

HOUSE

Using 4mm (UK 8, US 6) needles and Colour K,
cast on 22 sts.

Beg knit, st-st 28 rows.

Row 29: Purl (to mark fold).

Beg purl, st-st 28 rows.

Row 58: Knit (to mark fold).

Beg knit, st-st 28 rows.

Cast off.

Sides (make two)

Using 4mm (UK 8, US 6) needles and Colour K,
cast on 22 sts.

Beg knit, st-st 28 rows.

Row 29: Ssk, knit to last 2 sts, k2tog (20 sts).

Row 30: P2tog, purl to last 2 sts, p2togtbl (18 sts).

Repeat Rows 29 and 30 until 2 sts remain, k2tog
to cast off.

Inner Roof (make two)

Using 4mm (UK 8, US 6) needles and Colour G,
cast on 22 sts.

Beg knit, st-st 19 rows.

Cast off purlwise.

Outer Roof

Using 4mm (UK 8, US 6) needles and Colour G,
cast on 26 sts.

Beg with Row 1, work 24 rows in moss stitch.

Row 25: Purl.

Beg with Row 2, work 23 rows in moss stitch.

Cast off in moss stitch.

Doors (make two)

Using 4mm (UK 8, US 6) needles and Colour L,
cast on 8 sts.

Beg knit, st-st 12 rows.

Cast off.

The windows (make four)

Using 4mm (UK 8, US 6) needles and Colour J, cast on 7 sts.

Beg knit, st-st 7 rows.

Cast off purlwise.

To make up

Sew the cast on edge of the side pieces to the side edges of the base on each side. Fold up the front/base/back piece along the fold line. Sew the side pieces in place along the side edges, forming an open 'box' shape.

Sew the cast on edge of one of the roof edges to the cast on edge of the front. Sew the side edges of the inner roof to the sloped portion of the house sides. Do the same at the back of the house with the second inner roof piece.

Turn to the right side and stuff. Oversew the cast off edges of the inner roof pieces together. Sew a door onto the front and the back, placing them level with the base at the bottom, and to the left-hand side of the house front/back.

Sew a window onto the front and back, to the side of the door(s), and to either side piece.

Using Colour L, embroider around each window, then sew four long stitches from the outer edge into the centre of each window in a cross shape to imitate window panes.

Place outer roof onto the top of the house, having roof overhang on all sides. Sew in place.

DUCK**Body and head**

Using 4mm (UK 8, US 6) needles and Colour M, cast on 10 sts.

Row 1: (Kfb) to the end of the row (20 sts).

Row 2 & all alt rows: Purl.

Row 3: (K1, kfb) to the end of the row (30 sts).

Row 5: (K2, kfb) to the end of the row (40 sts).

Beg purl, st-st 3 rows.

Row 9: Ssk, knit to the last 2 sts, k2tog (38 sts).

Row 10: P2tog, purl to the last 2 sts, p2tog tbl (36 sts).

Cast off 3 sts at the beg of the next four rows (24 sts).

Row 15: (K2tog) to the end of the row (12 sts).

Beg purl, st-st 3 rows.

Row 19: (Kfbf) x 2, (kfb) to the last 2 sts, (kfbf) x 2 (28 sts).

Beg purl, st-st 7 rows

Row 27: (K2, k2tog) to the end of the row (21 sts).

Row 29: (K1, k2tog) to the end of the row (14 sts).

Row 31: (K2tog) to the end of the row (7 sts). B&T.

Wings (make two)

Using 4mm (UK 8, US 6) needles and Colour M, cast on 10 sts.

Knit 10 rows.

Cast off.

Beak

Using 4mm (UK 8, US 6) needles and Colour N, cast on 7 sts.

Rows 1-4: K3, p1, k3.

Row 5: Ssk, k3, k2tog (5 sts).

Row 6: Kfb, k3, kfb (7 sts).

Rows 5-8: As rows 1-4.

Cast off.

To make up

Sew a running stitch around the cast on stitches and pull up to close the stitches into a tight circle. Sew the main seam of the body and head, leaving a small gap for turning. Turn to the right side and stuff. Close the gap.

Sew a running stitch through the side stitches of the wings, and pull these up to tighten each side. Sew the wings to each side of the duck's body, stuffing the wings as you do so. The front of the wing should be level with the centre of the neck, about halfway up the body, with the back of the wing being slightly higher.

Fold the beak in half and sew the side seams together. Stuff the beak and sew it onto the centre front of the head, two rows above the head increase row.

Using Colour A, embroider two eyes three rows above the beak, about 8 sts apart.

CAR

Using 4mm (UK 8, US 6) needles and Colour O, cast on 10 sts.

Row 1: (Kfb) to the end of the row (20 sts).

Row 2 & all alt rows: Purl.

Row 3: (K1, kfb) to the end of the row (30 sts).

Row 5: (K2, kfb) to the end of the row (40 sts).

Row 7: (K3, kfb) to the end of the row (50 sts).

Row 9: (kfb)x5; k15; (kfb)x10; k15; (kfb)x5 (70 sts).

Beg purl, st-st 9 rows.

Row 19: (K2tog) x 5; k15; (k2tog) x 10; k15; (k2tog) x 5. (50 sts).

Row 20: Purl

Break off Colour O, and join in Colour J.

Beg knit, st-st 6 rows.

Row 27: K3, (ssk) x 2; k11; (k2tog) x 2; k6; (ssk) x 2; k11; (k2tog) x 2; k3 (42 sts).

Row 28: Purl

Break off Colour J, and rejoin Colour O.

Beg knit, st-st 4 rows.

Row 33: (K1, k2tog) to the end of the row (28 sts).

Row 34: (P2tog) to the end of the row (14 sts).

Row 35: (K2tog) to the end of the row (7 sts). B&T.

Wheels (make four)

Using 4mm (UK 8, US 6) needles and Colour P, cast on 20 sts.

Knit two rows.

Row 3: (K2tog) to the end of the row (10 sts). B&T.

Hubcaps (make four)

Using 4mm (UK 8, US 6) needles and Colour M, cast on 10 sts.

Row 1: Knit. B&T.

To make up

Sew a running stitch through the cast on stitches and pull the stitches up to close the circle. Sew the main seam, matching colour changes, and leaving a small gap for turning. Turn to the right side and stuff. Close the gap. Using Colour P, Swiss darn a line of stitches up the first decreases on each corner of the car: These lines of stitches will be 10 sts apart at the front and back of the car, and 13 sts apart at the sides of the car on the first colour change row, and 8 sts apart/11 sts apart at the top of the colour change section.

Join the wheels into a circle, and sew two on each side of the car.

Join the hubcaps into circles, and sew one at the centre of each wheel.

SAFETY FIRST

As this play mat and its toys are for small children, it is very important that the smaller pieces (the wheels of the car and the duck's beak/wings for example) are sewn down very securely and regularly checked to make sure they do not become loose.



Santa baby

Get set for baby's first Christmas with this adorable festive outfit – she'll make the cutest little helper for Santa! By Jane Burns

Baby might only wear this outfit over Christmas but it is so sweet – and quick to knit – it's worth it. The festive red jumper has white borders and a broad belt with a big gold buckle, just like Santa's coat. To top it off, there's also a red and white pompom hat in miniature. Knitted

in Sublime Extra Fine Merino DK, this popular yarn is luxuriously soft yet machine washable, making a great choice for babywear. Your baby girl or boy might only wear this a few times, but just think of the Christmas cards you can make from this adorable, picture perfect image.

ABOUT THIS YARN

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Baby will look a real Christmas cracker in this jolly outfit

YOU WILL NEED

FOR THE SANTA SUIT

- ✿ Sublime Extra Fine Merino Wool DK 50g in: Red Hot (shade 0167) x 2 (3: 3: 4: 4) balls (A) Alabaster (shade 003) x 1 (1: 1: 1:1) ball (B) Cinnamon (shade 377) x 1 (1: 1: 1:1) ball (C) Jet Black (013) x 1 (1: 1: 1:1) ball (D)

FOR THE HAT

- ✿ Sublime Extra Fine Merino Wool DK 50g in: Red Hot (shade 0167) x 1 (1: 2) balls (A) Alabaster (shade 003) x 1 (1: 1) ball (B)
- ✿ 3.25mm (UK 10, US 3) and 4mm (UK 8, US 6) knitting needles
- ✿ 3.25mm (UK 10, US 3) and 4mm (UK 8, US 6) double pointed needles
- ✿ Tapestry needle

TENSION

- ✿ 22 sts and 28 rows to 10cm (4in) using 4mm (UK 8, US 6) needles

HAT SIZES

- ✿ Head circumference: 35.5 (40.5: 45.5)cm, 14¼ (16¼: 18¼)in

ABBREVIATIONS

- ✿ For standard abbreviations see page 87

SIZING GUIDE

SIZES & MEASUREMENTS		6 months	12 months	18 months	2 years	3 years
SANTA JUMPER						
To fit	cm	43	45.5	48	53	55
chest	in	17	18	19	21	21¾
Actual	cm	49	53	56	60	64
measurements	in	19¼	21	22	23¾	25¼
Back length	cm	25	27	28	30	32
	in	10	10¾	11	12	12¾
Sleeve length	cm	17	18	21	30	32
	in	6¾	7¼	8¼	12	12¾

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BACK

Cast on 54 (58: 62: 66: 70) sts with 3.25mm (UK 10, US 3) needles and Yarn B.

Row 1: *K2, p2; rep from * to last 2 sts, k2.

Row 2: *P2, k2; rep from * to last 2 sts, p2.

This sets 2x2 rib. Repeat rows 1&2 four times in total.

Change to 4mm (UK 8, US 6) needles.

Row 9: K27 (29: 31: 33: 35), m1, k27 (29: 31: 33: 35). [55 (59: 63: 67: 71) sts]

Row 10: purl.

Change to Yarn A.

Row 11: Knit.

Row 12: Purl.

Repeat rows 11&12 five times in total.

Change to Yarn D.

Work 10 rows of stocking stitch.

Change to Yarn A.

Continue to work in stocking stitch until piece measures 15 (16: 17: 18: 19)cm, 6 (6½: 6¾: 7¼: 7½)in from cast-on edge, ending with a WS row.

Shape armholes

Row 1 (RS): Cast off 2 (3: 3: 3: 3) sts, knit to end. 53 (56: 60: 64: 68) sts.

Row 2: Cast off 2 (3: 3: 3: 3) sts, purl to end. 51 (53: 57: 61: 65) sts.

Row 3: Knit.

Row 4: Purl.

Repeat rows 3 & 4 until piece measures 25 (27: 28: 30: 32)cm, 10 (10¾: 11¼: 12: 12¾)in from cast-on edge, ending with a WS row.

Next row: Cast off 16 (17: 17: 19: 20) sts for shoulder, pm, cast off 19 (19: 23: 23: 25) sts for back of neck, pm, cast off rem 16 (17: 17: 19: 20) shoulder sts.

FRONT

Cast on 54 (58: 62: 66: 70) sts with 3.25mm (UK 10, US 3) needles and Yarn B.

Row 1: *K2, p2; rep from * to last 2 sts, k2.

Row 2: *P2, k2; rep from * to last 2 sts, p2.

This sets 2x2 rib. Repeat rows 1&2 four times in total.

Change to 4mm (UK 8, US 6) needles.

Row 9: K27 (29: 31: 33: 35), m1, k27 (29: 31: 33: 35). 55 (59: 63: 67: 71) sts.

Row 10: Purl.

Change to Yarn A.

Work rows 1–10 from Chart (see opposite) as follows:

Row 1: K13A (15: 17: 19: 21) work row 1 of Chart, k13A (15: 17: 19: 21).

Row 2: P13A (15: 17: 19: 21) work row 2 of Chart, p13A (15: 17: 19: 21).

Continue as set.

Work rows 11–20 from Chart as follows:

Row 11: K13B (15: 17: 19: 21) work row 11 of Chart, k13B (15: 17: 19: 21).

Row 12: P13B (15: 17: 19: 21) work row 12 of Chart, p13B (15: 17: 19: 21).

Continue as set.

Work rows 21–26 from Chart as follows:

Row 21: K13A (15: 17: 19: 21) work row 21 of Chart, k13A (15: 17: 19: 21).

Row 22: P13A (15: 17: 19: 21) work row 22 of Chart, p13A (15: 17: 19: 21).

Continue as set.

Using Yarn A, continue working in st-st keeping white centre stripe as set until piece measures 15 (16: 17: 18: 19)cm, 6 (6½: 6¾: 7¼: 7½)in from cast-on edge, ending with a WS row.



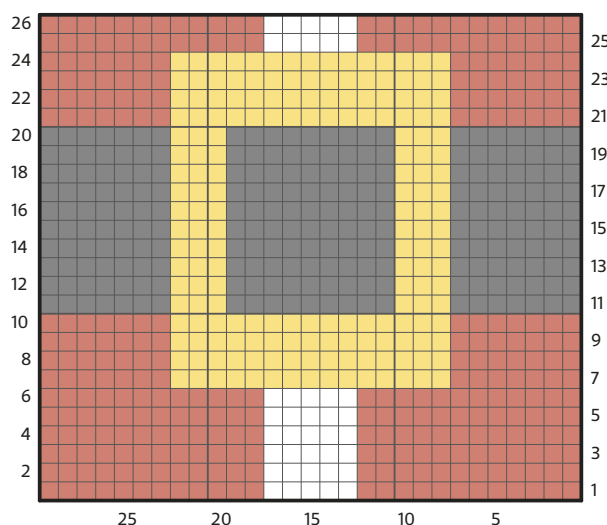
To knit the belt buckle for the Santa suit, follow the chart opposite

IT'S IN THE DETAIL

The belt buckle detail looks just like the one on Santa's coat and it adds to the ah-factor for this seasonal sweater. Work the buckle using the chart below. Look upon the chart as being the same as the knitting shown from the right side. Work it just as you would the rest of the jumper.



SANTA JUMPER CHART



KEY

- = Yarn A
- = Yarn B
- = Yarn C
- = Yarn D

Shape armholes

NOTE Keep white centre stripe as set throughout shaping.

Row 1 (RS): Cast off 2 (3: 3: 3: 3) sts, knit to end. 53 (56: 60: 64: 68) sts.

Row 2: Cast off 2 (3: 3: 3: 3) sts, purl to end. 51 (53: 57: 61: 65) sts.

Row 3: Knit.

Row 4: Purl.

Repeat rows 3 & 4 until piece measures 20 (21.5: 22.5: 24: 26)cm, 8 (8½: 9: 9½: 10½) from cast-on edge, ending with a WS row.

Shape neck

Row 1: K21 (22: 23: 25: 27), turn.

Row 2: Cast off 2 sts, purl to end. 19 (20: 21: 23: 25) sts.

Row 3: Knit to last 3 sts, k2tog, k1. 18 (19: 20: 22: 24) sts.

Row 4: P1, p2tog, purl to end. 17 (18: 19: 21: 23) sts.

Row 5: Knit to last 3 sts, k2tog, k1. 16 (17: 18: 20: 22) sts.

Row 6: P1, p2tog, purl to end. 15 (16: 17: 19: 21) sts.

Row 7: Knit to last 3 sts, k2tog, k1. 14 (15: 16: 18: 20) sts.

Row 8: Purl.

Continue to work in st-st until piece measures 25 (27: 28: 30: 32)cm, 10 (10¾: 11¼: 12: 12¾)in from cast-on edge, ending with a WS row. Cast off.

With RS facing and Yarn A, rejoin yarn to neck sts.

Row 1: Cast off 9 (9: 11: 11: 11) sts, knit to end.

Row 2: Purl.

Row 3: Cast off 2 sts, knit to end. 19 (20: 21: 23: 25) sts.

Row 4: Purl to last 3 sts, p2tog tbl, p1. 18 (19: 20: 22: 24) sts.

Row 5: K1, ssk, knit to end. 17 (18: 19: 21: 23) sts.

Row 6: Purl to last 3 sts, p2tog tbl, p1. 16 (17: 18: 20: 22) sts.

Row 7: K1, ssk, knit to end. 15 (16: 17: 19: 21) sts.

Row 8: Purl to last 3 sts, p2tog tbl, p1. 14 (15: 16: 18: 20) sts.

Continue to work in stocking stitch until piece measures 25 (27: 28: 30: 32)cm, 10 (10¾: 11¼: 12: 12¾)in from cast-on edge, ending with a WS row. Cast off.

SLEEVES (MAKE 2)

Cast on 26 (28: 30: 30: 32) sts with 3.25mm (UK 10, US 3) needles and Yarn B.

First, third & fourth sizes only

Rows 1, 3, 5 & 7: *K2, p2; rep from * to last 2 sts, k2.

Rows 2, 4, 6 & 8: *P2, K2; rep from * to last 2 sts, p2.

Second & fifth sizes only

Rows 1-8: *K2, p2; rep from * to end.

All sizes

Change to 4mm (UK 8, US 6) needles.

Row 9: (K5 (6: 6: 6: 6), m1) four times, k6 (4: 6: 6: 8). 30 (32: 34: 34: 36) sts.

Row 10: Purl.

Change to Yarn A.

Row 11: Knit.

Row 12: Purl.

Increase row k1, m1, knit to last st, m1, k1. (2 sts inc'd) Work in stocking stitch as set, rep increase row on every foll alt row until there are 36 (40: 42: 44: 46) sts.

Then every foll 4th row until you have 46 (50: 54: 58: 62) sts. Work in st-st without shaping until piece measures 17 (18: 21: 30: 32)cm, 6¾ (7¼: 8½: 12: 12¾)in or desired length from cast-on edge. Cast off.

Block pieces to the measurements, sew shoulder seams.

NECKBAND

Using 4mm (UK 8, US 6) dpns and Yarn A, starting at top left side of neck, pick up and knit 17 (17: 18: 18: 18) sts down side of left neck, 9 (9: 11: 11: 11) sts from front of neck, 17 (17: 18: 18: 18) sts up right side of neck, 19 (19: 23: 23: 25) sts across back of neck. Join into the round. 62 (62: 70: 70: 72) sts.

Round 2: Knit.

Change to 3.25mm (UK 10, US 3) dpns.

First, second, third & fourth sizes only

Rounds 3-6: *K2, p2; rep from * to last 2 sts, k2.

Fifth size only

Rounds 3-6: *K2, p2; rep from * to end.

Break yarn leaving a tail three times the circumference of the neckband, and thread this onto a tapestry needle. Cast off as follows to ➔

SANTA OUTFIT



The hat is knitted in the round on double-pointed needles

create a stretchy neckband:

1. Insert tapestry needle into first 2 sts on left-hand needle as if to p2tog and draw the yarn through.
2. Reinsert the needle into the first st on left-hand needle as if to knit, draw yarn through and slip the stitch off the needle. Repeat steps 1 and 2 until all sts are cast off.

TO MAKE UP

Join sleeve seams and join side seams from cast-on edge to beginning of armhole shaping using mattress stitch. Pin sleeves in place and sew. Weave in ends and block.

SANTA HAT

Cast on 72 (80: 92) sts using 3.25mm (UK 10, US 3) dpns and Yarn B. Join into the round taking care not to twists sts.

Round 1: *K2, p2; rep from * to end. Repeat round 1 until piece measures 3 (3.5: 4)cm, 1¼ (1½: 1½)in from cast-on edge.

Change to 4mm (UK 8, US 6) dpns.

First size only

Round 1: (K23, k2tog) twice, k22. 70 sts.

Second size only

Round 1: Knit.

Third size only

Round 1: (K29, k2tog) twice, k30. 90 sts.

All sizes

Round 2: Knit.

Change to Yarn A. Continue to work stocking stitch as set until piece measures 8 (10: 12)cm, 3¼ (4: 4¾)in from cast-on edge.

Shape top

Round 1: *K5 (6: 7), k2tog; rep from * to end. 60 (70: 80) sts.

Rounds 2-8: Knit.

Round 9: *K4 (5: 6), k2tog; rep from * to end. 50 (60: 70) sts.

Rounds 10-15: Knit.

Round 16: *K3 (4: 5), k2tog; rep from * to end. 40 (50: 60) sts.

Rounds 17-21: Knit.

Round 22: *K2 (3: 4), k2tog; rep from * to end. 30 (40: 50) sts.

Rounds 23-27: Knit.

Round 28: *K1 (2: 3), k2tog; rep from * to end. 20 (30: 40) sts.

Rounds 29-33: Knit.

Round 34: *K0 (1: 2), k2tog; rep from * to end. 10 (20: 30) sts.

Rounds 35-37: Knit.

First size only

Round 38: (K2tog) five times. (5 sts).

Second size only

Round 38: (K2tog) 10 times. (10 sts).

Round 39: (K2tog) 5 times. (5 sts).

Third size only

Round 38: *K1, k2tog; rep from * to end. 20 sts.

Round 39: (K2tog) 10 times. (10 sts).

Round 40: (K2tog) 5 times. (5 sts).

All sizes

Break yarn, leaving a long tail. Thread through remaining 5 sts using a darning needle, pull tight to close and secure.

TO MAKE UP

Using Yarn B, make a pompom. Attach securely to top of hat, to finish.



Leave plenty of time for this seasonal knit – you don't want to miss the big day!

 Patons

Go faster stripes

Knit this gorgeous stripey all-in-one for a little one who has places to go! Add the matching hat and you've got one super-cute outfit!

Great
gift set
for winter
birthdays

ABOUT THIS YARN

PATONS BABY SMILES

FAIRYTALE DREAMTIME 4-PLY

100% wool

85m per 25g

Machine washable at 40°C

£2.10, for stockists call 01484 681 881

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*An all-in-one is the
perfect knit for a
little one who's on
the move!*



ALL-IN-ONE & HAT



nce they reach a certain age little ones don't want to stay in one place for long – there's far too much exploring to do for that! Pop this romper on and they'll be able to wriggle, crawl, totter and toddle about to their heart's content! The popper fastening makes it so much easier for mums and dads to keep up, and the little matching hat will keep baby's ears nice and warm when they're out and about in the pram. It's made in a combination of stocking and garter stitch, using just one ball of DK yarn, with a twisted cord to gather it at the top. So sweet!

YOU WILL NEED

FOR THE ALL-IN-ONE

- ✿ Patons Baby Smiles Fairytale Dreamtime 4-ply 25g in:
 - Turquoise (1st C) x 2 (2: 3: 3: 4: 4) balls
 - Natural (2nd C) x 4 (4: 5: 6: 6: 7) balls
 - Sky Blue (3rd C) x 4 (4: 5: 6: 6: 7) balls

- ✿ 2.75mm (UK 12, US 2) and 3.25mm (UK 10, US 3) knitting needles

- ✿ Press stud fasteners (12mm diameter)

- ✿ Bodkin

- ✿ Small amount of waste yarn

FOR THE HAT

- ✿ Baby Smiles Fairytale Merino Mix DK 50g in:
 - Turquoise (1st C) x 1 (1: 1) ball

- ✿ 4mm (UK 6, US 8) knitting needles

- ✿ Bodkin

TENSION

- ✿ All-in-one – 8 sts and 36 rows to 10cm (4in) over st-st, using 3.25mm (UK 10, US 3) knitting needles
- ✿ Hat – 22 sts and 30 rows to 10cm (4in) over st-st, using 4mm (UK 6, US 8) knitting needles

MEASUREMENTS

- ✿ Hat – circumference (above rib, without stretching) 33 (36: 39)cm or 13 (14: 15½)in to fit 0-3 months (3-6 months: 6-12 months)

ABBREVIATIONS

- ✿ For standard abbreviations see page 87

SIZING GUIDE

SIZES & MEASUREMENTS		3 months	6 months	9 months	12 months	18 months	24 months
ALL-IN-ONE							
To fit height	cm	62	68	74	80	86	92
	in	24½	27	29	31½	34	36
Actual chest	cm	47	51	56	60	63	67
	in	18½	20	22	23½	25	26½
Finished length	cm	38	43	49	54	59	63
	in	15	17	19½	21½	23	25
Sleeve seam	cm	13	14	16	18	20	25
	in	5	5½	6½	7	8	10

HAT

With 4mm (UK 6, US 8) needles and Turquoise, cast on 48 (52: 56) sts and work in patt as follows:

Row 1 (WS): K17, p18 (22: 26), k13.

Row 2: K.

Rep these 2 rows until work meas 33 (36: 39)cm or 13 (15¼: 15½)in, ending with WS facing for next row. Cast off.

Join cast-on and cast-off edges,

MAKING UP

Join cast-on and cast-off edges, reversing lower seam on thinner section of garter st for turn-back. Using left-over yarn, make a twisted cord 75cm or 29½in long. Wrap twice around upper garter st section, 5cm or 2in down from top edge and fasten in a bow.

To make a twisted cord: Either get a friend to help (or use a door handle). Using 4 x 150cm or 59in lengths of yarn, knot ends together, insert a pencil at each end of knot between lengths of yarn. Holding yarn between thumb and finger in front of knot, turn pencils clockwise. Continue until strands are tightly twisted, then bring pencils together and allow cord to twist. Remove pencils and knot ends.



The twisted cord gathers the hat at the top



When knitting stripes, carry yarn you're not using up the side of your work

ALL-IN-ONE

LEFT BACK LEG

With 2.75mm (UK 12, US 2) needles and 1st C, cast on 26 (28: 30: 32: 34: 36) sts.

Rib row 1 (WS): K1, P1; rep from * to end.

Rib row 2: K1, P1; rep from * to end.

These 2 rows form rib. Work a further 3 rows, ending with RS facing for next row.

Break 1st C.

Change to 3.25mm (UK 10, US 3) needles, join in 2nd C and 3rd C and work in stripe patt as folls:

Row 1 (RS): In 2nd C, K.

Row 2: In 2nd C, P.

Row 3: In 3rd C, K.

Row 4: In 3rd C, P.

These 4 rows form stripe patt.

Cont in stripe patt for 2 rows.

Shape inside leg

Keeping stripe patt correct, inc 1 st at beg of next row and at same edge on every foll 6th row until there are 31 (34: 38: 41: 44: 47) sts.

Work 1 row.

1st and 2nd sizes only

Cast on 2 sts at beg of next row, then 3 sts at beg of foll alt row. 36 (39) sts.

3rd, 4th, 5th and 6th sizes only

Cast on 1 st at beg of next row, then (3: 3: 2: 2) sts at beg of foll alt row. 42 (45: 47: 50) sts

All sizes

Work 1 row, thus ending with RS facing for next row. Leave these sts on a spare needle.

RIGHT BACK LEG

Keeping stripe patt correct, work as Left Back Leg, working an extra row before casting on at top of leg, ending with RS facing for next row.

MAIN BODY

Keeping stripe patt correct, K36 (39: 42: 45: 47: 50) sts from Right Back Leg, then K36 (39: 42: 45: 47: 50) sts from Left Back Leg. 72 (78: 84: 90: 94: 100) sts.

Cont in stripe patt on these sts, shaping sides by dec 1 st at each end of 15th (17th: 17th: 17th: 17th: 17th) and every foll 14th (16th: 16th: 16th: 16th: 16th) row twice more. 66 (72: 78: 84: 88: 94) sts.**



Popper fastenings make this outfit easy for mums!

Cont in stripe patt until Main Body meas 18 (19: 22: 24: 26: 28)cm or 7 (7½: 8¾: 9½: 10¼: 11)in ending with RS facing for next row.

Shape armholes

Keeping patt correct, cast off 4 sts at beg of next 2 rows. Dec 1 st at each end of every row until 46 (52: 58: 64: 68: 74) sts rem.

Cont in patt until armhole meas 10 (11: 12: 13: 14: 15)cm or 4 (4¼: 4¾: 5: 5½: 6)in, ending with RS facing for next row.

Shape shoulders and back neck

Next row: Cast off 4 (5: 6: 7: 8: 9) sts, K until there are 6 (7: 8: 9: 9: 10) sts on right needle, turn and work this side first.

Next row: P2tog, P to end. 5 (6: 7: 8: 8: 9) sts. Cast off rem 5 (6: 7: 8: 8: 9) sts.

With RS facing, rejoin appropriate colour to rem sts, cast off centre 26 (28: 30: 32: 34: 36) sts, K to end.

Next row (WS): cast off 4 (5: 6: 7: 8: 9) sts, P until there are 6 (7: 8: 9: 9: 10) sts on right needle, turn and work this side first.

Next row: K2tog, K to end. 5 (6: 7: 8: 8: 9) sts. Cast off rem 5 (6: 7: 8: 8: 9) sts.

FRONT

Work as Back to **.

Cont in stripe patt until Main Body meas 14 (16: 18: 20: 22: 24)cm or 5½ (6¼: 7: 8: 8¾: 9½)in, ending with RS facing for next row.

Divide for front opening

Next row: K31 (34: 37: 40: 42: 45), turn and work this side first. Work straight on these sts until Left Front matches Back to start of armhole shaping, ending with RS facing for next row.

Shape armhole

Keeping stripe patt correct, cast off 4 sts at beg of next row. Work 1 row.

Dec 1 st at armhole edge only on every row until 21 (24: 27: 30: 32: 35) sts rem.

Work straight on these sts until Left Front meas 4 (5: 6: 7: 8: 9)cm or 1½ (2: 2½: 2¾: 3: 3½)in from start of armhole shaping, ending with WS facing for next row. ➡



IT'S IN THE DETAIL

Skinny stripes are a great way to use up odds and ends from your craft stash, especially if you've got lots of single balls that you haven't yet found a use for. If you're short of time though and still want the effect of stripes on your knits, try using a self-striping yarn instead of solid shades.



Shape neck

Next row: Cast off 3 (3: 4: 5: 6: 7) sts, P to end. Dec 1 st at neck edge on every row until 9 (11: 13: 15: 16: 18) sts rem. Work straight until armhole meas 10 (11: 12: 13: 14: 15)cm or 4 (4¼: 4¾: 5: 5½: 6)in, ending RS facing for next row.

Shape shoulder

Cast off 4 (5: 6: 7: 8: 9) sts at beg of next row. Work 1 row. Cast off rem 5 (6: 7: 8: 8: 9) sts. With RS facing, rejoin appropriate yarn to rem sts, cast off 4 sts, patt to end. Work to match first side, reversing shapings, working 1 row more before start of neck and shoulder shaping.

SLEEVES

With 2.75mm (UK 12, US 2) needles and 1st C, cast on 42 (44: 46: 50: 52: 56) sts and work in rib as on Left Back Leg for 5 rows, thus ending with RS facing for next row. Change to 3.25mm needles and work in stripe patt as on Left Back Leg, shaping sides by inc 1 st at each end of 5th and every foll 4th row until there are 52 (54: 62: 64: 70: 74) sts, then on every foll 6th row until 56 (60: 66: 72: 78: 84) sts. Work straight for 7 rows, thus ending with RS facing for next row.

Shape top

First size only

Cast off 4 sts at beg of next 2 rows (48 sts). Dec 1 st at each end of next 7 rows (34 sts), then on every foll alt row 7 times (20 sts), then on

every row 3 times. Cast off rem 14 sts.

2nd size only

Cast off 4 sts at beg of next 2 rows (52 sts). Dec 1 st at each end of next 7 rows (38 sts), then on every foll alt row 6 times (26 sts), then on every row 5 times. Cast off rem 16 sts.

3rd size only

Cast off 5 sts at beg of next 2 rows, then 3 sts at beg of foll 2 rows. (50 sts). Dec 1 st at each end of next 4 rows (42 sts), then on every foll alt row 7 times (28 sts), then on every row 5 times. Cast off rem 18 sts.

4th size only

Cast off 5 sts at beg of next 2 rows, 4 sts at beg of foll 2 rows, then 3 sts at beg of foll 2 rows (48 sts). Dec 1 st at each end of next 3 rows (42 sts), then on every foll alt row 6 times (30 sts). Work 1 row. Cast off 3 sts at beg of next 4 rows. Cast off rem 18 sts.

5th size only

Cast off 5 sts at beg of next 2 rows, 4 sts at beg of foll 2 rows, 3 sts at beg of foll 2 rows (54 sts). Dec 1 st at each end of next 5 rows (44 sts), then on every foll alt row 4 times (36 sts). Work 1 row. Cast off 3 sts at beg of next 6 rows. Cast off rem 18 sts.

6th size only

Cast off 6 sts at beg of next 2 rows, 4 sts at beg of foll 2 rows, 3 sts at beg of foll 2 rows. 58 sts. Dec 1 st at each end of next 7 rows (44 sts), then on every foll alt row 3 times. 38 sts. Work 1 row. Cast off 3 sts at beg of next 6 rows. Cast off rem 20 sts.

MAKING UP

Block out pieces to size and cover with a damp cloth. Remove cloth after 30 minutes and leave to dry flat. Join shoulder seams.

Neck border

With 2.75mm (UK 12, US 2) needles and 1st C, cast on 69 (73: 69: 83: 87: 91) sts and work in rib thus:

****Next row (WS):** K1, *p1, k1; rep from * to end.

Next row: K2, *p1, k1; rep from * to last st, k1.

Rep these 2 rows once more then row 1 again.

Next row (RS): K.

Next row (ridge row): K.

Break 1st C, leaving a long end.

Join in waste yarn and work a further 3 rows.

Cast off. Press waste yarn section gently.**

Starting and ending at centre front, pin last row of Neck Border in 1st C evenly all round neck edge and using the long end of yarn, attach Neck Border stitch by-stitch to the Fronts and Back working a Back Stitch through all the sts. On completion, remove the waste yarn.

Left Front Border

With 2.75mm needles and 1st C, cast on 75 (87: 105: 117: 123: 135) sts and work as Neck Border from ** to **, working in rib for 7 rows in place of 5. Pin in place down left side of Front opening and sew in place as before. Remove waste yarn.

Right Front Border

Work as Left Front Border, sewing in place to right side of Front opening.

Front gusset border

With 2.75mm (UK 12, US 2) needles and 1st C, cast on 75 (87: 105: 117: 123: 135) sts and work as Neck Border from ** to **, working in rib for 9 rows in place of 5. Starting and ending at cast-on edges, pin in place all round lower Front opening and sew in place as before. Remove waste yarn.

Back gusset border

Work as Front Gusset Border, sewing in place all round lower Back opening. Join side and sleeve seams. Insert sleeves. Attach 3 press studs down front opening, first to come 1.5cm or ½in up from lower edge, last to come 1.5cm or ½in down from top edge and remainder spaced evenly between. Attach 7 press studs around gusset borders, first and last to come 1.5cm or ½in up from cast-on edge with remainder spaced evenly between. Do not tumble dry. Do not iron. Dry flat.

MORE IDEAS

For more patterns and yarn by Patons, go to www.makeitcoats.com or call 01484 681 881 to find a stockist in your area. There are plenty of lovely styles for adults, children and babies.

Sweet as candy

Little princesses will adore their new cardie. This pretty pink bolero by Jody Long for Alpaca Select makes perfect party wear

Finish with a fabulous and elegant edging

Natural white and candy pink make a pretty contrast



STRIPED CARDIE

This pretty little bolero features candyfloss pink and white stripes and a gorgeous border that's finished with scalloped edging. This bolero style cardie is open at the front to show off the dress or top she's wearing and the eye-catching border draws attention to her favourite frock. It's special and pretty enough to wear over a party dress. Team it with a long-sleeved white top so she can wear it through the winter months. Knitted in Alpaca DK mixed with acrylic, this cardie is soft to touch yet practical too.

YOU WILL NEED

- ❁ INTI Alpaca DK 50g in:
Candy Pink (shade 22) x 2 (3: 3: 4) balls
Natural White (shade 01) x 1 (2: 2: 3) balls
- ❁ 3.75mm (UK 9, US 5) and 4mm (UK 8, US 6) knitting needles

MEASUREMENTS

- ❁ To fit 3-6 months (12 months: 2 years: 3-4 years)

TENSION

- ❁ 21-22 sts and 27-29 rows to 10cm (4in) over st-st, using 4mm (UK 8, US 6) needles

ABBREVIATIONS

- ❁ For standard abbreviations see page 87

ABOUT THIS YARN

INTI ALPACA DK

50% alpaca wool, 50% acrylic

105m per 50g

Handwash

£4.25 from www.alpacaselect.co.uk
or call 02476 411 776

SIZING GUIDE

SIZES & MEASUREMENTS		3-6 months	12 months	2 years	3-4 years
To fit chest	cm	40-45	50	56	58-61
	in	16-18	19½	22	23-24
Actual chest	cm	52	57	63	68
	in	20½	22½	25	27
Length to shoulder	cm	28	31	35	39
	in	11	12	14	15½
Sleeve length	cm	2	2	3	4
	in	1	1	1½	2

STRIPED CARDIGAN

PATTERN

Stocking stitch 2 rows using Candy Pink

St-st 2 rows using Natural White

The last 4 rows form patt and are rep throughout.

BACK

Using 4mm (UK 8, US 6) needles and Candy Pink, cast on 55 (61: 67: 73) sts. Beg with a k row, work in patt until back measures 10 (12: 15: 18) cm, 4 (4¾: 6: 7¼) ending with a p row.

Shape armholes

Keeping patt correct:

Cast off 3 sts at beg of next 2 rows. 49 (55: 61: 67) sts. Dec 1 st at each end on every row 3 (3: 5: 5) times, then on every foll alt row 2 (3: 2: 3) times. 39 (43: 47: 51) sts. Cont without shaping until armholes measure 11 (12: 13: 14:) cm, 4½ (4¾: 5¼: 5½)in ending with a P row.

Shape shoulders

Cast off 4 (4: 5: 5) sts at beg of next 2 rows, then 4 (5: 5: 6) sts at beg of foll 2 rows. Cast off rem 23 (25: 27: 29) sts.

LEFT FRONT

Using 4mm (UK 8, US 6) needles and Candy Pink cast on 14 (17: 20: 23) sts. Beg with a k row, work in patt, inc 1 st at beg (front edge) on 2nd row, then the same edge on every row 5 times more. 20 (23: 26: 29) sts, then at the same edge on next 5 foll alt rows. 25 (28: 31: 34) sts. Cont in patt without shaping until Left Front measures same as Back to beg of armhole shaping, ending with a P row.

Shape armhole

Keeping patt correct work as foll:

Cast off 3 sts at beg of next row. 22 (25: 28: 31) sts.

Patt 1 row.

Shape front slope

Keeping patt correct work as foll:

Dec 1 st at armhole edge on every row 3 (3: 5: 5) times, then on every foll alt row 2 (3: 2: 3) times AT THE SAME TIME dec 1 st at front edge on next row, then every foll alt row 5 (5: 6: 7) times, then on every foll 4th row until 8 (9: 10: 11) sts rem. Cont without shaping until armhole measures same as Back to beg of shoulder shaping, ending with a P row.

Shape shoulder

Cast off 4 (4: 5: 5) sts at beg of next row.

Patt 1 row.

Cast off rem 4 (5: 5: 6) sts.



Try knitting with bamboo needles, they grip yarn well and feel nicer to hold than metal

IT'S IN THE DETAIL

Some knitters like to shape their garments by steam blocking them. Do this by pinning out your knitted piece to the desired measurements and hover a steam iron above – but not touching – the piece, keeping the iron moving and allowing the steam onto the knitting.



RIGHT FRONT

Using 4mm (UK 8, US 6) needles and Candy Pink cast on 14 (17: 20: 23) sts. Beg with a k row, work in patt, inc 1 st at end (front edge) on 2nd row, then the same edge on every row 5 times more. 20 (23: 26: 29) sts, then at the same edge on next 5 foll alt rows. 25 (28: 31: 34) sts. Cont in patt without shaping until Left Front measures same as Back to beg of armhole shaping, ending with a k row.

Shape armhole

Keeping patt correct work as foll:

Cast off 3 sts at beg of next row. 22 (25: 28: 31) sts.

Shape front slope

Keeping patt correct work as foll:

Dec 1 st at armhole edge on every row 3 (3: 5: 5) times, then on every foll alt row 2 (3: 2: 3) times AT THE SAME TIME dec 1 st at front edge on next row, then every foll alt row 5 (5: 6: 7) times, then on every foll 4th row until 8 (9: 10: 11) sts rem.

Cont without shaping until armhole measures same as Back to beg of shoulder shaping, ending with a K row.

Shape shoulder

Cast off 4 (4: 5: 5) sts at beg of next row.

Patt 1 row.

Cast off rem 4 (5: 5: 6) sts.

SLEEVES

Using 4mm (UK 8, US 6) needles and Candy Pink



Layer over a long sleeved top for a pretty winter outfit

cast on 41 (43: 47: 51) sts. Beg with a k row, work in patt for 6 (6: 8: 10) rows.

Shape sleeve cap

Keeping patt correct work as foll:

Cast off 3 sts at beg of next 2 rows. 35 (37: 41: 45) sts.

Dec 1 st at each end of next row, then on every foll alt row until 13 (13: 17: 21) sts rem, then dec 1 st at each end of every row until 7 sts rem. Cast off.

SLEEVE BORDERS (optional)

Using 3.75mm (UK 9, US 5) needles and Candy Pink cast on 4 sts.

1st row (RS): K2, yfwd, k2.

2nd row: Knit.

3rd row: K3, yfwd, k2.

4th row: Knit.

5th row: K2, yfwd, k2tog, yfwd, k2.

6th row: Knit.

7th row: K3, yfwd, k2tog, yfwd, k2.

8th row: Cast off next 4 sts, k to end.

Rep the last 8 rows until the straight edge fits around the cast on edge of sleeve, ending with an 8th row. Cast off.

BODY BORDER

Using 3.75mm (UK 9, US 5) needles work as given for sleeve border, rep the 8 rows until the straight edge fits, across the back, up left front, across back of neck, down right front, ending with an 8th row. Cast off.

MAKING UP

Join shoulder seams using backstitch. Insert sleeves. Join side and sleeve seams matching stripes. Sew sleeve borders onto cast on edges of sleeves if required, then join row ends together. Sew body border across the back, up left front, across back of neck and down right front then sew row ends together.

MORE IDEAS

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Pretty
matching set
for a party
princess!

Peter Pan Diamonds and pearls

How adorable is this
dress and bolero, with
its diamond eyelets
and tiny bobbles?
Make it for your very
own little treasure!



DRESS AND BOLERO

Expectant mums have so much to do, and knitting really special baby clothes often gets put on the back burner, even by the keenest knitter, as the due date approaches. Socks are simple, and hats fly off the needles in no time, but it's lovely to surprise a friend with something they wouldn't necessarily have time to make, like this gorgeous little matching set from Peter Pan. Knitted in 3-ply yarn, with an eyelet and bobble pattern, it's a bit of a headturner! Wrap it in matching tissue, tie with ribbon and give it to a mum-to-be who's in need of a treat!

YOU WILL NEED

FOR THE DRESS

- ✿ Peter Pan 3-ply 50g in Baby Pink (shade 305) x 2 (2: 3: 3) balls
- ✿ 2.25mm (UK 13, US 1) and 3mm (UK 11) knitting needles
- ✿ 3 buttons
- ✿ Stitch holders

FOR THE BOLERO

- ✿ Peter Pan 3-ply 50g in Baby Pink (shade 305) x 1 (1: 1: 2) balls
- ✿ 2.25mm (UK 13, US 1) and 3mm (UK 11) circular needles
- ✿ Stitch holders

TENSION

- ✿ 34 sts and 42 rows to 10cm (4in) over st-st on 3mm (UK 11) knitting needles

ABBREVIATIONS

- ✿ For standard abbreviations see page 89

ABOUT THIS YARN

PETER PAN 3-PLY

55% nylon, 45% acrylic
315m per 50g
Machine washable at 40°

£3.50, for stockists visit www.tbramsden.co.uk or call 01943 872 264

SIZING GUIDE

SIZES & MEASUREMENTS		0-6 months	6-12 months	1-2 years	2-3 years
DRESS					
To fit chest	cm	41	46	51	56
	in	16	18	20	22
Length from back neck	cm	31	37	43	49
	in	12¼	14½	17	19¼
Sleeve seam	cm	5	5	6	6
	in	2	2	2½	2½
BOLERO					
To fit chest	cm	41	46	51	56
	in	16	18	20	22
Actual chest	cm	45	50	55	60
	in	18	20	22	24
Length from back neck	cm	15	16	17	18
	in	6	6¼	6¾	7
Sleeve seam	cm	13	15	17	21
	in	5	6	6¾	8¼

DIAMOND MOTIF

(Worked across 11 sts between markers)

- Row 1 (RS):** K4, k2tog, yf, k5.
Row 2 and every alt row: P11.
Row 3: K3, k2tog, yf, k1, yf, s1 1, k1, pssso, k3.
Row 5: K2, k2tog, yf, K3, yf, s1 1, K1, pssso, k2.
Row 7: K1, k2tog, yf, K5, yf, s1 1, K1, pssso, k1.
Row 9: K1, yf, s1 1, k1, pssso, k2, MB, k2, k2tog, yf, k1.
Row 11: K2, yf, s1 1, k1, pssso, k3, k2tog, yf, k2.
Row 13: K3, yf, s1 1, K1, pssso, K1, k2tog, yf, k3.
Row 15: K4, yf, s1 1, k2tog, pssso, yf, k4.
Row 17: K5, yf, s1 1, k1, pssso, k4.

These 17 rows complete diamond motif.

DRESS

FRONT

** Using 2.25mm (UK13, US1) needles, cast on 127 (145: 163: 181) sts and work 3 rows in g st. Change to 3mm (UK 11) needles. Work 2 rows in st-st

Commence lace border

- Row 1 (RS):** K8, k2tog, yf, * k16, k2tog, yf, rep from * to last 9 sts, k9.
Row 2 and every alt row: P.
Row 3: K7, k2tog, yf, K1, yf, s1 1, k1, pssso, * k13, k2tog, yf, K1, yf, s1 1, k1, pssso; rep from * to last 7 sts, k7.
Row 5: K6, k2tog, yf, k3, yf, s1 1, k1, pssso, * K11,

k2tog, yf, k3, yf, s1 1, k1, pssso; rep from * to last 6 sts, k6.

Row 7: K5, k2tog, yf, k5, yf, s1 1, k1, pssso, * k9, k2tog, yf, k5, yf, s1 1, k1, pssso, rep from * to last 5 sts, k5.

Row 9: K5, yf, s1 1, k1, pssso, k2, MB, k2, k2tog, yf, * K9, yf, s1 1, K1, pssso, k2, MB, k2, K2tog, yf, rep from * to last 5 sts, k5.

Row 11: K6, yf, s1 1, K1, pssso, k3, k2tog, yf, *k11, yf, s1 1, k1, pssso, k3, k2tog, yf; rep from * to last 6 sts, k6.

Row 13: K7, yf, s1 1, k1, pssso, k1, k2tog, yf, * K13, yf, s1 1, k1, pssso, k1, k2tog, yf, rep from * to last 7 sts, k7.

Row 15: K8, yf, s1 1, k2tog, pssso, yf, * k15, yf, s1 1, k2tog, pssso, yf, rep from *to last 8 sts, k8.

Row 17: K9, yf, s1 1, k1, pssso, * k16, yf, s1 1, K1, pssso, rep from * to last 8 sts, k8.

These 17 rows complete the lace border. Commencing on a P row, work in st-st until Front measures 21 (26: 31: 36)cm or 8¼ (10¼: 12¼: 14¼)in from commencement, finishing on a P row.

Next row (dec row): K7 (6: 5: 4), * k2tog, rep from * to last 8 (7: 6: 5) sts, K to end. 71(79: 87: 95) sts.**

Commencing on a P row, work 3 (5: 5: 5) rows in st-st.

Place diamond motif.

Row 1: K30 (34: 38: 42), slip marker, work 1 st row of Diamond Motif across next 11 sts, slip marker, K30 (34: 38: 42).
Keeping the 17 rows of the Diamond Motif correct on stitches between markers, work 3 (1: 1: 1) rows.

Shape armholes

Keeping Motif correct, cast off 2 (2: 3: 3) sts at beg of next 2 rows.
Dec 1 st at each end of the needle on next 3 (3: 5: 5) rows, then every alt row until 59 (63: 67: 71) sts remain.
Work 6 (4: 4: 0) rows without further dec, thus completing Diamond Motif.
Commencing on a P row, work 6 (6: 8: 10) rows in st-st, thus finishing on a K row.

Shape neck

Next row: P23 (25: 27: 29), turn and continue on these sts as follows:
*** Dec 1 st at neck edge on next 5 rows, then on every alt row until 16 (17: 18: 19) sts remain.
Work 6 rows without further decrease (work 1 row less here for 2nd side), thus finishing at armhole edge.

Shape shoulder

Cast off 8 (8: 9: 9) sts at beg of next row.
Work 1 row.
Cast off remaining 8 (9: 9: 10) sts.***
Sl13 sts at centre onto a st holder.
With wrong side facing rejoin yarn to remaining 23 (25: 27: 29) sts, P to end.
Work as instructions given for other side from *** to *** working 1 row less where indicated.

BACK

Work as instructions given for Front from **to **. Commencing on a P row, work 7 rows in stocking stitch.

Shape armholes

Cast off 2 (2: 3: 3) sts at beg of next 2 rows.
Dec 1 st at each end of the needle on next 3 (3: 5: 5) rows, then on every alt row until 59 (63: 67: 71) sts remain.
Work 0 (2: 4: 6) rows without further dec, thus finishing on a K row.
Divide for back opening.

Next row: P26 (28: 30: 32), turn.

Next row: Cast on 7 sts, K these sts, K to end. Continue on these 33 (35: 37: 39) sts as follows:

Next row: P to last 7 sts, K7.

Next row: Knit.

**** Rep these 2 rows until Back measures same as Front to start of shoulder shaping, finishing at armhole edge.

Shape shoulder

Cast off 8 (8: 9: 9) sts at beg of next row and 8 (9: 9: 10) sts at beg of following alt row.
Work 1 row.
Sl remaining 17 (18: 19: 20) sts onto a st holder

Mark positions on garter st border for 2 buttons, the first 2cm or ¾in above cast on sts and allowing for a 3rd button to be placed 4 rows above sts on st holder.
Space remaining button halfway between.
With wrong side facing, rejoin yarn to remaining 33 (35: 37: 39) sts, K7, P to end.
Next row: K.
Next row: K7, P to end.

Work as instructions given for other side from **** to **** at the same time making buttonholes on garter st border on right side rows to match markers as follows:
K to last 5 sts, cast off 2 sts, K to end. Cast on 2 sts over buttonhole on next row.

SLEEVES (BOTH ALIKE)

Using 2.25mm (UK 13, US 1) needles, cast on 59 (63: 69: 73) sts.
Row 1: K1, * p1, k1; rep from * to end.
Row 2: P1, * k1, p1; rep from * to end.
Rep last 2 rows 3 times more.
Change to 3mm (UK 11) needles.
Continue in st-st until Sleeve measures 5 (5: 6: 6)cm or 2 (2: 2½: 2½)in, finishing on a P row.

MAKING THE BOBBLES

These pretty 'pearl' bobbles are so easy to make – just follow this simple stitch pattern every time you see MB in the pattern:
(K1, p1, k1, p1, k1) into next st.
Turn and p5, turn and k5, turn and p2tog.
P1, p2tog tbl, turn and sl 1, k2tog, pssso.



Shape top

Cast off 2 (2: 3: 3) sts at beg of next 2 rows.
Dec 1 st at each end of the needle on every row until 37 (37: 33: 33) sts remain.
P 1 row.
Cast off 5 (5: 4: 4) sts at beg of next 4 rows.
Cast off remaining 17 sts.

MAKING UP

Join shoulder seams by top sewing.

Neckband

With right side facing, sl17 (18: 19: 20) sts from st holder at left back neck onto a 2.25mm (UK 13, US 1) needle, rejoin yarn and pick up and k16 (18: 19: 21) sts down left side of neck, k13 from st holder at front neck, pick up and k16 (18: 19: 21) sts up left side of neck, then K across 17 (18: 19: 20) sts from st holder at right back neck.
79 (85: 89: 95) sts.

Row 1: K7, p1, * k1, p1; rep from * to last 7 sts, k7.

Row 2: K8, p1, * k1, p1; rep from * to last 8 sts, K8.
Rep these 2 rows 3 times more, at the same time making buttonhole on garter st border as before on 2nd and 3rd of these rows. Cast off in rib and garter st.

Join side and sleeve seams by top sewing.
Pin sleeves into position, sew in by top sewing.
Sew cast on edge of button band in place by top sewing. Sew on buttons. Thread shirring elastic through decrease row at start of bodice if required. ➤



3-ply yarn is great for lightweight lacework knits for adults, too!



DRESS AND BOLERO

BOLERO

BACK

Using 3mm (UK 11) needles, cast on 77 (85: 93: 101) sts.

Work 12 rows in st st, thus finishing on a P row.

Shape armholes

Cast off 3 (3: 4: 4) sts at beg of next 2 rows.

Dec 1 st at each end of the needle on next 3 (3: 5: 5) rows, then every alt row until 63 (67: 71: 75) sts remain.

Continue without further dec until armholes measure 9 (10: 11: 12)cm or 3½ (4: 4¼: 4¾)in, finishing on a P row.

Shape shoulders

Cast off 8 (9: 9: 10) sts at beg of next 2 rows, then 9 (9: 10: 10) sts at beg of following 2 rows. Sl remaining 29 (31: 33: 35) sts onto a st holder.

LEFT FRONT

Using 3mm (UK 11) needles, cast on 15 (19: 23: 27) sts.

K 1 row.

Shape front curve

Continuing in st st cast on 4 sts at beg of next and following alt row. 23 (27: 31: 35) sts.

Inc 1 st at end of next row and at same edge of next 7 rows, thus finishing on a P row. 31 (35: 39: 43) sts.

Tie a marker at beg. of last row.

** Shape armhole

Cast off 3 (3: 4: 4) sts at beginning of next row. P 1 row (omit this row for Right Front).

Dec 1 st at armhole edge on next 3 (3: 5: 5)

rows, then on every alt row until 24 (26: 28: 30) sts remain. P 1 row.

Shape front slope

Dec 1 st (by working k2tog) at end (neck edge) of next and every alt, row until 19 (19: 21: 21) sts remain, then every following 4th row until 17 (18: 19: 20) sts remain.

Continue without further dec until Front measures same as Back to start of shoulder shaping, finishing at armhole edge.

Shape shoulder

Cast off 8 (9: 9: 10) sts at beg of next row.

Work 1 row.

Cast off remaining 9 (9: 10: 10) sts. **

RIGHT FRONT

Using 3mm (UK 11) needles, cast on 15 (19: 23: 27) sts.

Work 2 rows in st-st.

Shape front curve

Continuing in st-st cast on 4 sts at beg of next and following alt row. 23 (27: 31: 35) sts.

Inc 1 st at end of next row and at same edge of next 7 rows, thus finishing on a K row. 31 (35: 39: 43) sts.

Tie a marker at beg of last row.

Work as instructions given for Left Front from ** to **, working 1 row less where indicated and working front decreases (by working k2tog tbl) at beg of right side rows instead of end.

SLEEVES (BOTH ALIKE)

Using 2.25mm (UK 13, US 1) needles, cast on 45 (49: 53: 57) sts.

Work 3 (3: 4: 4)cm or 1¼ (1¼: 1½: 1½)in in rib as given for Sleeves of Dress, finishing on a 1st row.

Next row (inc row): Rib 2 (4: 3: 3), * inc in next st, rib 7 (7: 8: 9); rep from * to last 3 (5: 5: 4) sts, inc in next st, rib to end. 51 (55: 59: 63) sts.

Change to 3mm (UK 11) needles.

Continuing in st-st, inc 1 st at each end of the needle on 5th, then on every following 4th (5th: 5th: 8th) row until there are 65 (69: 75: 79) sts.

Continue without further inc until Sleeve measures 13 (15: 17: 21)cm or 5 (6: 6¾: 8¼)in, from commencement, finishing on a P row.

Shape top

Cast off 3 (3: 4: 4) sts at beg of next 2 rows.

Dec 1 st at each end of the needle on every row

until 41 (41: 33: 33) sts remain. P 1 row.

Cast off 6 (6: 4: 4) sts at beg of next 4 rows.

Cast off remaining 17 sts.

MAKING UP

Back border

With right side facing, using 3mm (UK 11) needles, pick up and k77 (84: 93: 100) sts along Back cast on edge.

Row 1: P.

Row 2: K3 (3: 4: 4), MB, * k6, MB; rep from * to last 3 (3: 4: 4) sts, K to end.

Row 3: P increasing 1 st at centre for 2nd and 4th sizes only. 77 (85: 93: 101) sts.

Change to 2.25mm (UK 13, US 1) needles.

Work 6 rows in rib as given for Sleeves of Dress.

Cast off in rib using a 3mm (UK 11) needle.

Join shoulder seams by top sewing.

Front and neck edging

With right side facing, using 3mm (UK 11) circular needle and commencing at right side edge, pick up and K15 (19: 22: 27) sts along front cast on edge, 23 sts around curve to marker, 6 (10: 10: 14) sts up front edge to start of neck dec, 27 (28: 30: 31) sts up neck slope to shoulder, k29 (31: 33: 35) sts from st holder at back neck dec 1 (0: 0: 1) st at centre, pick up and k27 (28: 30: 31) sts down left neck slope to start of shaping, 6 (10: 10: 14) sts to marker, 23 sts around curve and 15 (19: 22: 27) sts along left cast on edge. 170 (191: 203: 224) sts.

Turning at end of every row, continue as follows:

Row 1: P.

Row 2: K4 (4: 3: 3), MB,* k6, MB, rep from * to last 4 (4: 3: 3) sts, K to end.

Row 3 (inc row): P10 (11: 14: 18), * (inc in next st, P5) 7 (8: 8: 9) times, inc in next st*, p70 (71: 77: 84), (inc in next st, p5) 6 (8: 8: 8) times, inc in next st, P10 (11: 14: 18). 185 (209: 221: 243) sts. Change to 2.25mm (UK 13, US 1) circular needle. Work 6 rows in rib as given for Sleeves of Dress. Cast off in rib using a 3mm (UK 11) needle. Join side and sleeve seams by top sewing. Pin sleeves into position, sew in by top sewing.

MORE IDEAS

There are lots of gorgeous patterns and yarn in the Peter Pan range. To browse the full collection, or to find your local stockist, visit www.tbramsden.co.uk or call 01943 872 264.



Why not buy an extra ball of this soft pink yarn and make a matching hat



Shoe collection

There's a shoe style here to fit any type of character, from mini sporties to baby fashionistas.

By Joanna Benner

Four pairs of shoes to keep tiny toes cosy



Moccasins

With fun fringes, ties to keep them on baby's feet and knitted in attractive moss stitch these tiny shoes make a fun choice for little ones

This classic shoe with its distinctive style is a staple shoe from America, worn originally by native Americans. The soft leather has been replaced with cotton yarn in Raffia and Chocolate, the upper part adorned with the fringes associated with this shoe. Mini moccasins make a comfortable and casual foot warmer for baby this winter.

MOCCASINS

Make two the same.

SOLE

With Chocolate and 3.75mm (UK 9, US 5) needles:

Row 1: Cast on 29 sts and knit.

Row 2: K1, kfb, k11, kfb, k1, kfb, k11, kfb, k1. 33 sts.

Row 3: Knit

Row 4: K1, kfb, k12, kfb, k3, kfb, k2, kfb, k1. 37 sts.

Row 5: Knit

Row 6: K1, kfb, k13, kfb, k5, kfb, k13, kfb, k1. 41 sts.

Row 7: Knit

Row 8: K1, kfb, k14, kfb, k7, kfb, k14, kfb, k1. 45 sts.

Change to Raffia.

Row 9: Knit

Row 10: Purl

Repeat last 2 rows, three times.

Work Instep

Row 17: Moss st 26, sl1, k1, pssso, turn.

Row 18: Moss st 8, sl1, k1, pssso, turn.

Row 19: K1, moss st 7, sl1, k1, pssso and turn. Repeat the last two rows, 3 times, then Row 18 again. 35 sts.

Row 27: K1, moss stitch 7, sl1, k1, pssso and moss stitch to end.

Row 28: Moss 20, sl1, k1, pssso and moss stitch to end of row. 33 sts. Work 4 rows in moss stitch.

Next row: Change to Chocolate and *k1, p1 for 12 sts, turn and rib one row and then cast off ribwise*. Slip centre 9 sts on a spare needle, rejoin yarn to second side and work from * to *.

TONGUE

With right side facing, rejoin Raffia to centre 9 sts.

Row 1: *P1, k1* to last st, p1.

Row 2: *P1, k1* to last st, p1.

Row 3: Pfb, *k1, p1* to last st, pfb. 11 sts.

Row 4: *K1, p1* to last st, k1.

Row 5: Kfb, *p1, k1* until 1 st remains, kfb. 13 sts.

Cast off.

Stitch seam and bottom of sole and weave in ends.

FRINGE

With Chocolate, cast on 9 sts.

Row 1: *Bring yarn forward as if to purl. K2tog, k1.*

YOU WILL NEED

✿ Patons Cotton DK in:
Chocolate (shade 2162) x 1 ball
Raffia (shade 2714) x 1 ball

✿ 3.75mm (UK 9, US 5) knitting needles

MEASUREMENTS

✿ To fit 3-6 months

TENSION

✿ 20 sts and 28 rows over 10cm (4in) square using 3.75mm (UK 9, US 5) knitting needles

ABBREVIATIONS

✿ For standard abbreviations see page 87

Repeat until work measures 14cm (5½in).

Cast off 6 sts, leaving 3 sts on needle. Tie yarn off. With the needle, gently pull the stitches out of the last 3 sts all along the row. You will be left with a band and a row of loops which make up the fringe. Leaving 1.25cm (½in) on either end of the band free (to overlap tongue), sew the row at the top of the fringe to the Chocolate rows on the top of the shoe. The lace openwork will be free for you to thread the tie through. Carefully trim the fringe to the desired length and gently press with an iron to make the fringe lie straight.

With Raffia, cast on 70 sts, knit one row and cast off. Thread the tie through the loops on the fringe. Weave in all ends.

Use the lace openwork to tie the thread through



Baby boots

Budding baby fashionistas will suit these tiny versions of the popular ugg boot. Knit the furry trim using Sirdar's fleecy Snowflake yarn

These baby uggs in miniature feature all the marks of the popular boot for grown-ups, including fur trim worked in Sirdar Snowflake – a soft fleecy yarn in Milky – and Raffia, a beige cotton yarn knitted in smooth stocking stitch for the suede. They're an adorable choice for keeping baby's feet and legs warm this winter, as well as looking stylish.

BOOTS

Make two the same.

With Raffia, work rows 1-8 of Moccasin soles.

Work 8 rows in st-st starting with a knit row.

Work Instep

Row 17: K 26, sl1, k1, pssso, turn.

Row 18: P8, p2tog.

Repeat last two rows four times – 35 sts

Next row: K8, sl1, k1, pssso, knit to end, turn.

Next row: P20, p2tog, purl to end – 33 sts

Work 12 rows in stocking stitch, change to Snowflake and work two rows. Cast off and sew up sole and back seam. With Snowflake, work a row of back stitch across the instep and weave another row back through the stitches and fasten off. Weave in all ends.

Put these boots at the top of your 'to knit' list this winter

YOU WILL NEED

✿ Patons Cotton DK in:
Raffia (shade 2714) x 1 ball

✿ Sirdar Snowflake in:
Milky (shade 630) x 1 ball

✿ 3.75mm (UK 9, US 5) knitting needles

MEASUREMENTS

✿ To fit 3-6 months

TENSION

✿ 20 sts and 28 rows over 10cm (4in) square using 3.75mm (UK 9, US 5) knitting needles

ABBREVIATIONS

✿ For standard abbreviations see page 87

ABOUT THIS YARN

PATONS COTTON DK (main yarn)

100% cotton

210m per 100g

Machine washable at 40°

£4.50, for stockists call 01484 681 881

or visit www.makeitcoats.com

IT'S IN THE DETAIL

All the shoes have the same sole and they are easily worked over eight rows in cotton double knitting yarn, which gives the shoes some body but is still soft on baby's feet. The Boots and Mary Janes can each be made up in an evening and the Moccasins and trainers over a couple of evenings.



Trainers

Baby shoes are now so on-trend you can find them in all styles and themes – we love these knitted hi tops for sporty baby boys and girls

Budding baby baseball dudes will suit these tiny hi-tops, complete with authentic US-style star at the sides in the form of a button embellishment. If your little one loves to kick their shoes off just for fun while they sit in their buggy, then the lace-ups on these ankle snugglers – just like real hi tops – will keep them firmly in place.

TRAINERS

Make two the same.

With White and 3.75mm (UK 9, US 5) needles work rows 1-8 of Moccasin soles.

Work three rows of st-st starting with a knit row.

Change to Black and work two rows of st-st.

Change to White and work three rows of st-st.

Change to Red and knit one row.

Next row: P18 with Red, p9 with White, p18 with Red.

Work Instep

Row 19: K18 with Red, change to White and knit 8, sl1, k1, pssso, turn. 44 sts.

Row 20: With White, P8, p2tog, turn. 43 sts.

Row 21: With White, K8, sl1, k1, pssso, turn. 42 sts. Repeat last two rows twice and Row 19 again. 37 sts.

With Red only: Knit 8, sl1, k1, pssso, knit to end of row, turn.

Purl 21, p2tog, purl to end of row. 35 sts.

First Side (on the right with right side facing)

Row 1: K11, yo, k2tog, k1 (place remaining

stitches on stitch holder or spare needle).

Row 2: Purl.

Row 3: K11, k2tog, k1.

Row 4: Purl.

Row 5: K10, yo, k2tog, k1.

Row 6: Purl.

Row 7: K10, k2tog, k1.

Row 8: Purl.

Row 9: K9, yo, k2tog, k1.

Row 10: Purl.

Row 11: k9, k2tog, k1.

Knit two rows and cast off.

TONGUE

With right side facing rejoin yarn to next stitch on holder.

Row 1: Kfb, knit 5, kfb – 9 sts. Leave remaining 14 sts on holder.

Row 2: Purl

Row 3: Knit

Row 4: Purl

Row 5: Kfb, knit to last st, kfb. 11 sts.

Row 6: Purl.

Row 7: Kfb, knit to last st, kfb. 13 sts.

Row 8: Purl.

Knit three rows and cast off.

Second Side (on the left with right side facing).

Rejoin yarn to first stitch of remaining sts.

Row 1: K1, ssk, yo, k11.

Row 2: Purl.

Row 3: K1, ssk, k11.

Row 4: Purl.

Row 5: K1, ssk, yo, k10.

Row 6: Purl.

Row 7: K1, ssk, k10.

Row 8: Purl.

Row 9: K1, ssk, yo, k9.

YOU WILL NEED

✿ Patons Cotton DK in:
Red (shade 2115) x 1 ball
Black (shade 2712) x 1 ball
White (shade 2691) x 1 ball

✿ 3.75mm (UK 9, US 5) knitting needles

✿ 3.75mm (US F/5) crochet hook

✿ Two star and two round buttons

MEASUREMENTS

✿ To fit 3-6 months

TENSION

✿ 20 sts and 28 rows over 10cm (4in) square using 3.75mm (UK 9, US 5) knitting needles

ABBREVIATIONS

✿ For standard abbreviations see page 87

Row 10: Purl.

Row 11: K1, ssk, k9.

Knit two rows and cast off.

LACES

Crochet 80 ch and fasten off (see page 88 for how to crochet).

MAKING UP

Thread laces through eyelet holes.

Weave in all ends. Place star button on top of round button and stitch firmly onto the trainer, to finish.

These trainers make a fun gift for little ones



Mary Janes

Patons Smoothie yarn puts a new spin on the Mary Jane shoe, knitted here in garter stitch to flatter its classic rounded shape

Mary Janes will never go out of style and we love this version of this versatile shoe. Knitted in Patons Smoothie Lilac Mix this variegated yarn with its delicious colours brings the flavoursome, fruity drink to mind. This DK yarn is extremely smooth with a slight sheen which defines stitches well on these garter stitch shoes.

ABOUT THIS YARN

PATONS SMOOTHIE DK

100% acrylic

200m per 100g

Machine washable at 40°

£3.19 for stockists call 01484 681 881

or visit www.makeitcoats.com

MARY JANES

RIGHT SHOE

Using 3.75mm (UK 5, US 9) needles work rows 1-8 of Moccasin soles.

Work 10 rows of garter stitch.

Row 19: K14, (ssk) 4 times, k1, (k2tog) 4 times, k14.

Row 20: Knit.

Row 21: K8, cast off 21 sts, k8.*

Carefully remove stitches from both needles and place on one needle with outside facing. Cut thread long enough to sew back and foot seam.

Rejoin yarn to beginning of row and knit across.

Turn and cast on 14 sts. Knit across these and 16 sts on needle. 30 sts.

Turn, knit 27, yo, sl1, k1, pssso, k1.

Cast off.

YOU WILL NEED

✿ Patons Smoothie DK in:
Lilac Mix (shade 02019) x 1 ball

✿ 3.75mm (UK 9, US 5) knitting needles

✿ 2 buttons

MEASUREMENTS

✿ To fit 3-6 months

TENSION

✿ 20 sts and 28 rows over 10cm (4in) square using 3.75mm (UK 9, US 5) knitting needles

ABBREVIATIONS

✿ For standard abbreviations see page 87

LEFT SHOE

Cast on and work same as for Right Shoe to *.

STRAP

Carefully remove stitches from both needles and place on one needle with inside facing. Cut thread long enough to sew back and foot seam. Rejoin yarn to beginning of row and knit across. Turn and cast on 14 sts. Knit across these and 16 sts on needle. 30 sts.

Turn, knit 27, yo, sl1, k1, pssso, k1.

Cast off.

Sew back and foot seams. Sew buttons and weave in all ends.

The ever-popular Mary Janes get a new colour twist



Make the shoes slightly larger by using 4mm (UK 8, US 6) needles



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We invite a top team of knitting experts to answer your problems. Send your questions to us at love.knitting@immediate.co.uk

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Joanna Benner

has helped many people to learn to knit, and is ready to share her know-how



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as *Love Knitting's* editor, Lucy has all the very latest yarn and baby garment trends at her fingertips



Anna Davenport

is *Love Knitting's* publisher, she enjoys shopping for yarn and clever gadgets



Sarah Heys

has a degree in Knitwear Design and is here to solve your yarn tangles

IT'S A WRAP

Q I have been given a bag of yarn by a friend but none of the balls have labels on them and I want to use them to knit a hat for my granddaughter. Is there a clever way of telling what weight the yarn is?
Debbie Davis, Luton

A Sarah says: It can be difficult to tell what to do with a bag of unlabelled balls of yarn but 'wraps per inch' is a handy way of telling what type of yarn weight you have. To do this, you'll need your yarn, a pencil and a ruler. Then wrap (not too tightly) your yarn around the pencil, getting the strands as close together as possible without overlapping. Once you've finished wrapping, count the number of times you've wrapped the yarn

around the pencil in one inch. Then follow these amounts to determine the yarn weight; ie: 35 wraps – 18.5 sts per inch, 15-18 wraps – 6-7 sts per inch, 12-14 wraps – 5.5-6 sts per inch, 9-11 wraps – 4-5 sts per inch, 7-8 wraps – 3-3.75 sts per inch. Once you know whether you have a bulky yarn (7-8 wraps) or a lace weight yarn (35 wraps) you should be able to tell what patterns your yarn will suit and what size needles to use.

REINDEER LOVE

Q I really liked the festive jumper trend last winter and would love to knit my son a sweater to wear on Christmas Day. Would you be able to find me a pattern with reindeer on as he loves Rudolph!
Pat Stone, Birmingham



Fun reindeer run around the yoke of this festive jumper



A Lucy says: We hope your son likes this Junior Christmas Jumper pattern we have found for you. It features six running reindeer around the neckline – your son will love having Rudolph and his friends with him all the way through Christmas Day! The knit is designed by Susan Crawford, who specialises in vintage patterns, and it's available from her website for £4, www.susancrawfordvintage.com

MY FIRST KNIT

Q I'd like to get my niece a knitting kit for Christmas as, when she's seen me knitting, she has shown an interest in learning. Can you recommend a good kit for an 8-year-old?
Susie Fullford, Belfast

A Jo says: Hobbycraft sells a great range of knitting kits for young children and adults but My First Knitting Kit from Rico Design would be great for an



A simple way to guess the weight of your yarn



Give a little girl or boy the knitting bug!

8-year-old. This great kit comes with a variety of yarn, patterns and a set of needles that your niece could use to start knitting straight away. It also includes easy-to-follow instructions so we're sure that, combined with your stitching knowledge, she'll be knitting in no time! Buy it for £12 from Hobbycraft stores or online at www.hobbycraft.co.uk

BABY SAFETY

Q I don't like leaving strands of yarn in garments that I've knitted for my one-year-old. Once, I found him trying to eat a strand that had come loose from a jumper! Can you recommend a more secure way of sewing in the ends?

Toni Fuller, Derby



Knit in ends to eliminate any stray threads – so tempting for little ones

A Sarah says: It's best to make sure ends are securely sewn in when you are close to completing a knitted item for a baby. Try knitting the ends in while you are finishing the work, as this should securely finish off the ends and make them less likely to come undone. In the sample, we have used a contrasting colour so you can see how this works.

OFF THE CUFF

Q I don't like using a rib on the cuffs of sweaters for babies as I think they can be too tight, can you recommend another stitch to use?

Anaela Watkins, Fife



For a more relaxed rib try a larger needle or a stitch called 'mistake rib'

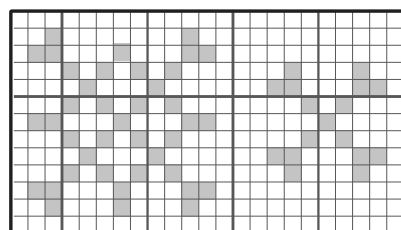
A Jo says: Generally, for babies, it is best for them to have looser, non-constricting items of clothing so we can see why you might think a rib is too tight. You could try knitting the ribs in a larger needle size, as this will stop the knit structure from being too tight and it will loosen the rib. Or, we would recommend you try a rib called the 'mistake rib', which gives you a loose rib structure with an interesting texture. To knit this, cast on 4 stitches plus 3 then *K2, P2 repeat from * to the last 3 stitches, K2, P1.

WINTER MOTIF

Q I'm looking for a snowflake design to knit onto a pair of mittens for my little girl. Where can I find a chart?

Lucy Butler, Cardiff

A Anna says: We hope the chart below is what you were looking for. These motifs will look lovely on a pair of mittens – they're perfect to keep your daughter's hands warm and cosy this winter.



STOCKING SURPRISE

Q I was planning on making some festive bunting for my little girl's bedroom this year. I want to knit a row of mini stockings but I can't find a pattern anywhere. Can you help?

Gemma Knowle, Southampton

A Lucy says: There aren't many mini stocking patterns available but we have found this stylish set from

MillaMia. 'Mini Christmas Stockings' cost £4 and is available as a download from www.deramores.com, 0800 488 0708. We love the wintry colours and the tiny motifs. You could even hide treats in each of the mini socks! They'll look lovely hung in your daughter's room and they're sure to add to the excitement of the festive season!



LET IT SNOW

Q My son loves snow so I thought I'd crochet him some snow decorations to make into a mobile as a Christmas present. Do you know where I can find a snowflake pattern? I'm new to crochet.

Samantha Harris, Falmouth

A Lucy says: We have found a great crochet book for you, which has some lovely projects for beginners. It's called *Learn To Crochet* by Sally Harding and it's available from Waterstones for £6.99. One of the projects in

the book is a set of snowflakes, which would make a lovely mobile, or stitch a single flake or a pair to hang in your window.



Use metallics and fluffy yarn to crochet a set of snowflakes



WOOLY HAT

Super-cosy
knit with
the cute
factor!

Little lamb

Could anything be cuter than an animal hat? Make this baa-rilliant hat to keep baby's ears snug

ABOUT THIS YARN

ARTESANO ARAN

50% superfine alpaca,
50% Peruvian Highland wool
132m per 100g
Hand wash

£5.99 from Artesano,
www.artesanoyarns.co.uk

A quick, simple knit with absolutely no shaping, this adorable little hat is made in one piece using just one skein of yarn, stitched into a hat shape and then gathered at the points to make the little lamb ears. We think it's the perfect excuse to use that soft aran you've been saving for a rainy day. Up the cuteness factor by stitching pink felt to the inside of the ears!

YOU WILL NEED

- ✿ Artesano Aran in Strathy (SFN10) x 1 ball
- ✿ 4mm (UK 8, US 6) and 5mm (UK 6, US 8) knitting needles
- ✿ Blunt-ended yarn needle
- ✿ 70cm or 27½in narrow satin ribbon

MEASUREMENTS

- ✿ To fit 3-9 months (9 months-2 years: 3-5 years)
Circumference: 45-47 (48-50: 50-52)cm or
17¾-18½ (19-19¾: 19¾-20½)in

TENSION

- ✿ 18 sts and 24 rows over 10cm (4in) square in st-st, on 5mm (UK 6, US 8) needles

ABBREVIATIONS

- ✿ For standard abbreviations see page 89

LAMB HAT

Using 4mm (UK 8, US 6) needles, cast on 83 (87: 91) sts, using the double cast-on method.

Row 1 (RS): K1, *p1, k1; rep from * to end.

Row 2: P1, *k1, p1; rep from * to end.

Rep rows 1 and 2 four (five, six) times more.

Next row: K1, *yf, k2tog; rep from * to end.

Next row: As row 2.

Change to 5mm (UK 6, US 8) needles.

Beginning with a knit row, work 40 (42: 44) rows in stocking stitch.

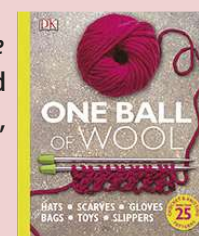
Cast off.

MAKING UP

Fold work in half with right sides together and side edges aligned. Stitch seam on stocking stitch section with backstitch. Turn RS out and stitch seam on ribbed section with WS together so that the seam will be on the inside when the ribbed band is turned back. Place seam at centre back, then stitch top edges together. Pinch each corner and secure with a few small stitches, then cut ribbon in two equal lengths and tie around each 'ear' in a neat bow.

MORE IDEAS

This project comes from *One Ball of Wool*, which is packed with patterns for hats, bags, scarves, toys and slippers, all using one ball of yarn! www.dk.com, £9.99.



Stitch a piece of brown, pink or black felt inside each ear to highlight the shape and make them look like real ears



Adorable little lamb ears make this cute hat stand out

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The perfect
winter knit
for boys
or girls

SIRDAR Wrap up warm

Could anything be cosier than
a cuddly cable jumper and
matching hat? Knit this set
in time for baby's first winter

HAT & JUMPER

We don't know about you, but when we see cables we immediately think of winter! The drop in temperature gives us plenty of opportunity to get out our cable needles, and who better to wrap up warm than the smallest member of the family? Don't forget to peek at the rest of the shades in the range – this set would look so festive in red!

YOU WILL NEED

JUMPER

- 2 (3: 4: 4) x 50g balls of Sirdar Snuggly DK in Choo Choo Train (shade 419)

HAT

- 1 (1: 1: 1) x 50g balls of Sirdar Snuggly DK in Choo Choo Train (shade 419)

- 3.25mm (UK 10, US 3) and 4mm (UK 8, US 6) knitting needles

- Stitch holder

- Cable needle

TENSION

- 28 sts and 30 rows to 10cm (4in) over st-st, using 4mm (UK 8, US 6) needles

ABBREVIATIONS

- C4B – Slip next 2 sts to back on CN, k2, then k2 from CN
- For standard abbreviations see page 87

ABOUT THIS YARN

SIRDAR SNUGGLY DK

55% nylon, 45% acrylic

165m per 50g

Machine washable at 40°

£3.30, for stockists call 01924 231 682 or visit www.sirdar.co.uk

SIZING GUIDE

SIZES & MEASUREMENTS		3-6 months	6-12 months	1-2 years	3-4 years
JUMPER					
To fit chest	cm	46	51	56	61
	in	18	20	22	24
Actual measurements	cm	51	60	63	69
	in	20	23¾	24¾	27¼
Back length	cm	28	32	38	42
	in	11	12	15	16
Sleeve seam	cm	17	20	24	29
	in	6	8	9	11

Hat to fit average size baby's head for age shown

ROLL-NECK JUMPER

BACK

Using 4mm (UK 8, US 6) needles and thumb method cast on 72 (84: 88: 96) sts.

Row 1: P1 (1: 0: 0), k0 (4: 0: 0: 0), p0 (2: 0: 0), k5 (5: 1: 5), *p2, k4, p2, k5; rep from * to last 14 (20: 9: 13) sts, p2, k4, p2, k5 (5: 1: 5), p0 (2: 0: 0), k0 (4: 0: 0), p1 (1: 0: 0).

Row 2: K1 (1: 0: 0), p0 (4: 0: 0), k0 (2: 0: 0), p5 (5: 1: 5), *k2, p4, k2, p5, rep from * to last 14 (20: 9: 13) sts, k2, p4, k2, p5 (5: 1: 5), k0 (2: 0: 0), p0 (4: 0: 0), k1 (1: 0: 0).

Row 3: P1 (1: 0: 0), (C4B) 0 (1: 0: 0) times, p0 (2: 0: 0), k5 (5: 1: 5: 5), *p2, C4B, p2, k5, rep from * to last 14 (20: 9: 13) sts, p2, C4B, p2, k5 (5: 1: 5: 5), p0 (2: 0: 0), (C4B) 0 (1: 0: 0) times, p1 (1: 0: 0).

Row 4: As row 2.

Row 5: As row 1.

Row 6: K0 (1: 0: 0), p0 (4: 0: 0), k8 (9: 3: 7), p4, *k9, p4; rep from * to last 8 (14: 3: 7) sts, k8 (9: 3: 7), p0 (4: 0: 0), k0 (1: 0: 0).

Rows 1-6 set patt. **

Keeping continuity of patt as set (throughout) cont until back meas 27 (31: 37: 41)cm or 10¾ (12: 14½: 16)in, ending with a WS row.

Shape shoulders

Cast off 11 (14: 15: 15) sts in patt at beg of next 2 rows. 50 (56: 58: 66) sts.

Cast off 12 (14: 15: 16) sts in patt at beg of next 2 rows. 26 (28: 28: 34) sts.

Leave rem 26 (28: 28: 34) sts on a st holder.

FRONT

Work as given for Back to **.

Keeping cont of patt as set (throughout) cont until front meas 21 (25: 30: 34)cm, or 8¼ (9¾: 11¾: 13½)in, ending with a WS row.

Divide for neck

Next row: Patt 32 (37: 38: 41), turn and leave rem 40 (47: 50: 55) sts on a stitch holder. Working on these 32 (37: 38: 41) sts only proceed as follows:

Next row: Patt.

Work 4 (4: 4: 6) rows dec 1 st at neck edge in every row. 28 (33: 34: 35) sts.

Work 9 (9: 7: 7) rows dec 1 st at neck edge in next and every foll alt row. 23 (28: 30: 31) sts.

Cont without shaping until front measures 27 (31: 37: 41)cm or 10¾ (12: 14½: 16)in, ending with a WS row.

Shape shoulder

Next row: Cast off 11 (14: 15: 15) sts in patt, patt to end. 12 (14: 15: 16) sts.

Next row: Patt.

Cast off rem 12 (14: 15: 16) sts in patt.



Find cable needles fiddly? You can use a DPN instead – look online for a tutorial

IT'S IN THE DETAIL

Cables might look complicated, meaning beginners tend to stay away from them at first, but they're actually incredibly easy. If you want to explore cables further, Erika Knight's book, *Ultimate Knit Stitch Bible* is a great buy. It makes a great Christmas present, too!



With RS facing, rejoin yarn to 40 (47: 50: 55) sts left on a stitch holder, slip first 8 (10: 12: 14) sts onto a stitch holder, patt to end. 32 (37: 38: 41) sts.

Complete to match left side of neck, reversing shapings.

SLEEVES (BOTH ALIKE)

Using 4mm (UK 8, US 6) needles and thumb method cast on 39 (41: 45: 49) sts.

Row 1: K9 (10: 12: 14), p2, k4, p2, k5, p2, k4, p2, k9 (10: 12: 14).

Row 2: P9 (10: 12: 14), k2, p4, k2, p5, k2, p4, k2, p9 (10: 12: 14).

Row 3: K9 (10: 12: 14), p2, C4B, p2, k5, p2, C4B, p2, k9 (10: 12: 14).

Row 4: As row 2.

Row 5: Inc in 1st st, k8 (9: 11: 13), p2, k4, p2, k5, p2, k4, p2, k7 (8: 10: 12), inc in next st, k1. 41 (43: 47: 51) sts.

Row 6: K12 (13: 15: 17), p4, k9, p4, k12 (13: 15: 17).

Rows 1-6 set patt.

Keeping continuity of patt as set (throughout) inc 1 st at each end of 3rd (5th: 5th: 7th) and every foll 6th (6th: 8th: 8th) row to 53 (57: 61: 61) sts, working inc sts in patt.

For 4th size only

Inc 1 st at each end of every foll 10th row to 67 sts.

For all sizes

Cont without shaping until sleeve measures 17 (20: 24: 29)cm or 6½ (8: 9½: 11½)in, or length required ending with a WS row.

Shape sleeve top

Cast off 10 (11: 12: 13) sts in patt at beg of next 2 rows. 33 (35: 37: 41) sts.

Cast off 11 (11: 12: 13) sts in patt at beg of next 2 rows. 11 (13: 13: 15) sts.

Cast off rem 11 (13: 13: 15) sts in patt.

NECKBAND

Join right shoulder seam. With RS facing, using 3.25mm (UK 10, US 3) needles pick up and knit 17 (17: 21: 21) sts evenly along left side of neck, knit across 8 (10: 12: 14) sts left on a stitch holder at front of neck, pick up and knit 18 (18: 22: 22) sts evenly along right side of neck and knit across 26 (28: 28: 34) sts left on a stitch holder at back of neck. 69 (73: 83: 91) sts.

Row 1: P1, * k1, p1; rep from * to end.

Row 2: * K1, p1; rep from * to last st, k1. **.

Rep rows 1-2 once more.

Next row: P11 (12: 8: 10), inc in next st, (p14 (15: 12: 13), inc in next st) 3 (3: 5: 5) times, p12 (12: 9: 10). 73 (77: 89: 97) sts.

Proceed as follows:

Row 1: Knit.

Row 2: Purl.

Rep rows 1-2 twice more.

Cast off knitways.

TO MAKE UP

Join left shoulder and neckband seams reversing sewing for roll. Fold sleeves in half lengthways, then placing folds to shoulder seams sew sleeves in position approximately 12 (13: 14: 15)cm or 4¾ (5¼: 5½: 6)in, from top of shoulder. Pin out garment to the measurement given on front page. Cover with cloths and leave until dry. See ball band for washing and further care instructions.

HAT

Using 3.25mm (UK 10, US 3) needles and thumb method cast on 93 (105: 119: 119) sts.

Row 1: K1, * p1, k1; rep from * to end.

Row 2: * P1, k1; rep from * to last st, p1.

Rep rows 1-2 until hat measures 8 (10: 10: 12)cm or 3 (4: 4: 4¾)in, ending with a row 2.

Next row: Purl to end dec 1 (0: 1: 1) sts evenly across row. 92 (105: 118: 118) sts.

Change to 4mm (UK 8, US 6) needles and proceed as folls:

Row 1: P1, * p2, k4, p2, k5; rep from * to end.

Row 2: * P5, k2, p4, k2; rep from * to last st, k1.

Row 3: P1, * p2, C4B, p2, k5; rep from * to end.

Row 4: As row 2.

Row 5: As row 1.

Row 6: * K7, p4, k2; rep from * to last st, k1.

Rows 1-6 set patt.

Keeping continuity of patt as set cont until hat measures approx 12 (14: 15: 17)cm, or 4¾ (5½: 6: 6½)in, ending with row 6 of patt.

Proceed as follows:

Row 1: P1, * p2, k4, p2, k2tog, k1, k2tog; rep from * to end. 78 (89: 100: 100) sts.

Row 2: * P3, k2, p4, k2; rep from * to last st, k1.

Row 3: P1, * p2, C4B, p2, k3; rep from * to end.

Row 4: As row 2.

Row 5: P1, * p2, k4, p2, s1, k2tog, pssso; rep from * to end. 64 (73: 82: 82) sts.

Row 6: * K3, p4, k2; rep from * to last st, k1.

Row 7: P1, * p2, k4, p2, k1; rep from * to end.

Row 8: * P1, k2, p4, k2; rep from * to last st, k1.

Row 9: P1, * p2, (k2tog) twice, p2, k1; rep from * to end. 50 (57: 64: 64) sts.

Row 10: * P1, k2, p2, k2; rep from * to last st, k1.

Row 11: P1, * p2, k2, p2, k1; rep from * to end.

Row 12: * K3, p2, k2; rep from * to last st, k1.

Row 13: P1, * p2, k2tog, p2, k1; rep from * to end. 43 (49: 55: 55) sts.

Row 14: * P1, k2; rep from * to last st, k1.

Row 15: P1, * p2, k1; rep from * to end.

Row 16: * P1, k2; rep from * to last st, k1.

Row 17: P1, * p2tog, k1; rep from * to end.

29 (33: 37: 37) sts.

Row 18: * P2tog; rep from * to last st, p1.

15 (17: 19: 19) sts.

Row 19: K1, * k2tog; rep from * to end. 8 (9: 10: 10) sts.

Break off yarn and run yarn through rem sts. Fasten off.

TO MAKE UP

Join back seam reversing sewing for turnback. Make pom-pom and attach to crown. Cover with a damp cloth and leave until dry. See ball band for washing and further care instructions.

MORE IDEAS

For more patterns and yarn by Sirdar, visit www.sirdar.co.uk or call 01924 371 501 to find a stockist in your area. There are styles for adults, children and babies, plus an extensive range of yarns, with lots of fab shades to choose from.

How to knit

Never knitted before? Follow our step-by-step diagrams and instructions to get started. It's easier than you think!

MAKE A SLIPKNOT

■ START ALL KNITTING PROJECTS WITH THIS EASY KNOT



Twist the yarn into a loop, and form a second loop of yarn to pull through the first one.



Tighten the first loop into a knot around the second. This will now be your first cast on stitch.

CAST ON – THUMB METHOD

■ USE THIS FOR AN EXTRA-STRETCHY EDGE



Make a slipknot with a long tail of 2.5cm (1in) per stitch that the pattern asks you to cast on.



Loop the tail end of the yarn around your left thumb, and slide the needle tip into this loop.



Wrap the ball end of the yarn anticlockwise around the needle. Push the needle through the loop.



Slide the loop off your thumb and tighten both ends. Repeat steps 2-4 for each stitch.

CAST ON – TWO NEEDLE METHOD

■ USE THIS FOR A STRONG, HARDWEARING EDGE



With the slipknot on your left needle, insert the right needle from front to back of the loop.



Wrap the ball end of the yarn anticlockwise around the right needle. Pull this through the loop.



Insert the left needle tip through the front of this new loop, dropping it off the right needle.



Repeat steps 1-3 as needed, forming new stitches from the top stitch on the left needle.

CAST OFF

■ WHAT TO DO WHEN YOU'VE REACHED THE END



To begin, knit only the first two stitches in the cast off row.



Push the left needle through the first stitch. Lift it over the second stitch and off the right needle.



With one stitch now on the right needle, knit another stitch and repeat step 2 until you reach the row end.



Cut the yarn leaving a 15cm (6in) tail, and pull the tail through the final cast off stitch.

How to crochet

If you've not tried crochet before, learn the basic stitches with our handy step-by-step guide

FOUNDATION CHAIN

■ LIKE CASTING ON, THIS IS THE BASIS FOR YOUR CROCHET PROJECT



To start, make a slipknot around your crochet hook.



Bring the yarn around the hook from the back to the front and catch the yarn with the hook.



With the yarn still under the hook, bring the hook through the slipknot to create a new loop.



Lengthen the chain by repeating steps 2-3, creating a new chain stitch with each repeat.

TURNING CHAIN

■ HOW TO START THE NEXT ROW



At the end of the row, work chain stitches into the last loop to equal the height of the next stitch.



Turn your work around and start making the next stitch as instructed in your pattern.

CAST OFF

■ FINISH OFF YOUR CROCHET PROJECT



Cut the yarn, leaving a 15cm. Draw this end through the loop on your hook.



Pull the entire length of yarn through the loop and tighten gently. Weave in the end.

DOUBLE CROCHET

■ A BASIC STITCH THAT CREATES A DENSE FABRIC



Insert your hook into the loop of the next stitch and carry the yarn over the hook.



Bring the yarn through the stitch. You will now have two loops on your crochet hook.



Carry the yarn over the hook again, and draw this through both loops on your crochet hook.

TREBLE CROCHET

■ A TALLER STITCH FOR A MORE OPEN RESULT



Carry the yarn all the way over your crochet hook and insert your hook into the next stitch.



Carry the yarn over the hook and pull this through the stitch. There are now three loops on the hook.



Carry the yarn over the hook and pull it through the first two loops on the hook. There are two left.



Carry the yarn over the hook once more and pull it through the last two loops on the hook.

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AND FINALLY...

The last word

Four of this issue's designers look back on their favourite baby knits and tell us why they're so special...



Angela Turner



I love the premature baby romper with bunny slippers I designed for the January 2013 issue of *Love Knitting for Baby*. I wanted to make something that was not only easy to put on a tiny baby but was super cute too!

The romper is knitted in garter stitch at the base so that it can stretch to fit each tiny baby and has buttons on each side as well as the shoulders to make changing easy. The colour scheme is neutral so it would suit a boy or a girl, though I think it would also be lovely with a little swiss darned pink or blue rabbit. It gives me great pleasure to imagine some little



early arrivals dressed in this sweet outfit, specially designed to keep them warm and cosy!

When I was six, I spent the whole summer holidays mastering an outfit for 'my baby', Sally Anne – my doll. Sally Anne still wears that outfit today 57 years on! I remember having to do 10 rows at a time, then my grandmother would check it before I went to bed. She wrote the pattern out non-abbreviated so it was easier for a child to understand. Another of my favourite designs is the patchwork jumper from this issue (p36). It gives texture and depth to the garment and makes the knitting more interesting for the knitter. I love children's garments that can be worn with more than one other colour garment.



Chrissie Day

I love my Meredith baby cardigan. It's worked from the top down using Debbie Bliss' Baby Cashmerino and has a pretty lace stitch pattern on the yoke. The original design was inspired by knitted lace doilies and I thought a doily would look good on the yoke of a dress or sweater. I made a baby dress first that was similar in design and then the cardigan. I have since designed an adult version too. Because it's worked from the top down it can be made into any length. The patterns are all available to buy from my Ravelry shop.



Ruth Maddock



I haven't been designing baby knitwear for long but my favourite design so far has been the hooded jacket I created for this issue (p6). It's a really accessible jacket for beginners as it's all knitted in garter stitch and the ears are adorable! I love duffle coats and thought it would be really cute to make a version for babies! It's a special

garment to me because it's one of the first baby clothing items I've knitted so I feel very proud of it. I also have someone in mind to give it to!



Sarah Heys

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